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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry points a finger as he arrives in Sydney. Kerry said American journalist Peter Theo Curtis, who had been held hostage for nearly two years by an al-Qaida-linked group in Syria was released Sunday, less than a week after the horrific execution of American journalist James Foley by Islamic militants.

(AP Photo/Peter Parks, Pool)

## US Says American Held in Syria Has Been Freed

**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An American journalist kidnapped and held hostage for nearly two years by an al-Qaida-linked group in Syria was released Sunday, less than a week after the horrific execution of American journalist James Foley by Islamic militants.

The freed American is 45-year-old Peter Theo Curtis, who wrote under the by-line Theo Padnos. White House national security adviser Susan Rice said Curtis is now safe outside of Syria. Secretary of State John Kerry said Curtis was held by Jabhat al-Nusra, also known as the Nusra

Front, an al-Qaida-linked militant group fighting the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Curtis was not believed to be among the hostages held by the Islamic State group that executed Foley. Islamic State was formally disavowed by al-Qaida earlier this year after being

deemed too brutal. President Barack Obama, who was wrapping up a vacation in Massachusetts, was briefed Sunday morning on Curtis' release. "The president shares in the joy and relief that we all feel now that Theo is out of Syria and safe," said White House spokesman

Eric Schultz. "But we continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers the Americans who remain in captivity in Syria, and we will continue to use all of the tools at our disposal to see that the remaining American hostages are freed."

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# Rebels parade captured Ukrainian soldiers in east

**PETER LEONARD**

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**Associated Press**

**DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)** — To shouts of "Fascists!" and "Hang them from a tree!" captured Ukrainian soldiers were paraded through the streets of the rebel strong-

company by speeches and a vow by President Petro Poroshenko to boost defense spending to defeat the rebels. In Donetsk, thousands gathered in the main square as the insurgents staged their own spectacle mock-

ing the national army. To jeers and catcalls, dozens of captive soldiers, some wearing tattered Ukrainian military uniforms and some in torn and dirty civilian clothing, were forced to march past as nationalistic Russian songs blared from

loudspeakers. They were flanked by rebels pointing bayoneted rifles.

One visibly agitated man yelled slurs as he held an infant in one arm. "Hang the fascists from a tree!" one woman shouted as other women rushed at the prisoners, trying to kick and slap them.

Two water trucks followed the captives, hosing down the road in a move apparently meant to cleanse the pavement where the Ukrainian soldiers had passed. The image had historical parallels as well: In 1944, Red Army soldiers paraded tens of thousands of German prisoners of war through the streets of Moscow.

The top rebel commander sent a mocking message to the Ukrainian government. "Kiev said that on the 24th, on the Independence Day of Ukraine, they would have a parade. Indeed, they did march in Donetsk, although it wasn't a parade," top rebel commander Alexander Zakharchenko said. "Soldiers of the armed forces of Kiev walked along the main streets of Donetsk.

What Poroshenko planned has taken place."

Human Rights Watch said parading the Ukrainian soldiers was a violation of humanitarian law.

Rachel Denber of the New York-based rights group cited an article of the Geneva Conventions that prohibits "outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment" of captives of armed conflicts.

This parade is a clear violation of that absolute prohibition, and may be considered a war crime, she said. On Sunday, rebels put several fire-blackened, shrapnel-shredded Ukrainian military vehicles on display in Donetsk's main square, where supporters posed for photos in front of one of the destroyed tanks. One onlooker grabbed a Ukrainian flag from the wreckage of one tank and threw it to the ground. Several others trampled on it, wiping their feet and spitting.

"Today is the so-called independence day of what was Ukraine. And look what has happened to their equipment. □



**A man throws an egg at captured Ukrainian army prisoners as they're escorted by Pro-Russian rebels in a central square in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. Ukraine has retaken control of much of its eastern territory bordering Russia in the last few weeks, but fierce fighting for the rebel-held cities of Donetsk and Luhansk persists.**

(AP Photo/Sergei Grits)

hold of Donetsk on Sunday as bystanders pelted them with eggs, water bottles and tomatoes.

The spectacle of the bruised and filthy soldiers being marched hands bound and surrounded by gun-toting pro-Russian insurgents came as Ukrainians in Kiev celebrated their country's independence from the Soviet Union — a stark display of the growing divisions between east and west.

While support and mobilization for Kiev's campaign against the separatists has grown in many parts of the country, resentments fester in much of the east, where civilian casualties and shelling have become a part of daily life.

Illustrating the divisions, an ostentatious procession of tanks and weaponry rumbled through downtown Kiev to mark Ukraine's 23rd anniversary of independence from Moscow — a highly publicized event ac-

## Cristobal's pelting rains lash southeast Bahamas

**DAVID McFADDEN**

**Associated Press**

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)** — Slow-moving Tropical Storm Cristobal lashed parts of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands with heavy rainfall and white-crested surf after swollen rivers swept at least three people away on the Caribbean island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

In the Dominican Republic, a man drowned when he tried to drive his pickup truck across a rushing river in Hato Mayor, a province northeast of the capital of Santo Domingo. Juan Manuel Mendez, the country's emergency operations director, said the death was due to the "regrettable recklessness of this driver." In neighboring Haiti, authorities were looking for two residents reported



**Water rushes through an open bay at the Carraizo Dam to release water left by a passing storm in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico.**

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

swept away late Saturday by a river that burst its banks in the western port town of Saint Marc. "We're still looking for the bodies," said Luckey Mathieu, a local civil protection coordinator.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Cristobal may strengthen into


a hurricane on Wednesday while over the open waters of the Atlantic. Many residents in the sparsely populated southeastern Bahamas and the tiny British Caribbean dependency of the Turks and Caicos Islands hunkered down as Cristobal's rains pelted windpanes.

Capt. Stephen Russell, head of the Bahamas' emergency management agency, said there had been no reports of damage by late Sunday morning. Air traffic to the southeastern Bahamian islands had not been suspended, but sea vessels were advised to remain in port, he said.

By Sunday afternoon, Turks and Caicos Premier Rufus Ewing advised residents to remain indoors as much as possible since the island chain south of the Bahamas was still experiencing heavy rains and "extensive flooding in low-lying areas," especially on Middle Caicos and North Caicos islands.

"The inclement weather is expected to linger for another 48 hours and the flooding is expected to worsen as a result," Ewing said in a statement. □



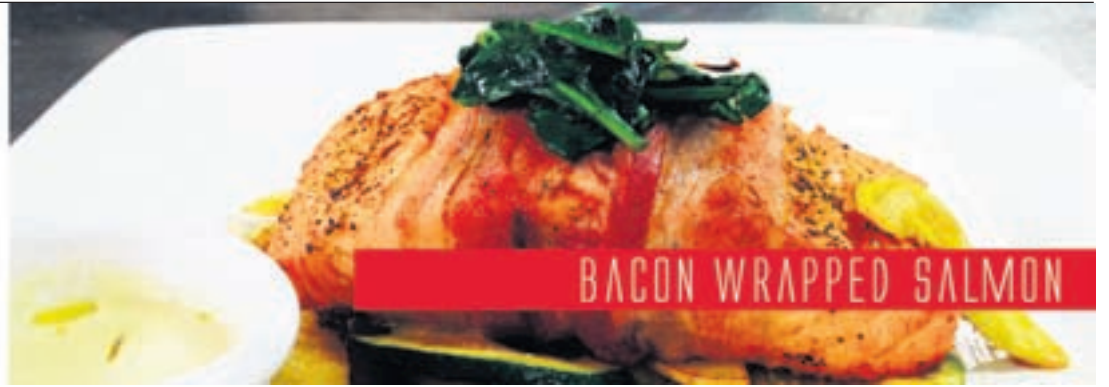


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## 'Vacation' over, Obama returns to White House

**Associated Press**  
**EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts (AP)** — President Barack Obama's summer vacation off the Massachusetts coast is nearing an end. The president was due back at the White House late Sunday after spending two weeks with his family on the island of Martha's Vineyard. What a break it turned out to be. His attempt at rest and relaxation was largely overtaken by events involving Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, including the videotaped execution of an American journalist they had been holding hostage, and the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, following the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man. Obama broke from his vacation to deliver statements on Iraq, Missouri and journalist James Foley on four separate occasions, including one delivered during two days he spent back at the White House in the middle of the getaway. The unusual mid-vacation return to Washington had been scheduled before those issues came to dominate the news. Still, in the midst of daily briefings on these and other matters, telephone consultations with world leaders and other responsibilities, Obama squeezed in nine rounds of golf on the island he has made his summer presidential retreat while shrugging off criticism about how he was spending the time away from Washington. "Just because the president is in a different location doesn't mean he's not doing his job," White House spokesman Eric Schultz said. □

## US: American held in Syria has been freed

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A senior administration official said Curtis was released in the Golan Heights, where he was met by U.S. government personnel who were transporting him to Tel Aviv. The official was not authorized to speak by name and discussed the release on the condition of anonymity. Qatar's Foreign Ministry confirmed late Sunday that the Gulf emirate succeeded in gaining Curtis' release. A government statement released by the official Qatar News Agency said he was kidnapped in Syria in 2012 and said Qatar "exerted relentless efforts to release the American journalist out of Qatar's belief in the principles of humanity and out of concern for the lives of individuals and their right to freedom and dignity." The agency said Curtis was handed over to United Nations representatives.

In a video obtained by The Associated Press and dated July 18, 2014, Curtis sits cross-legged on a floor with his hands bound, and appears to read from a sheet placed in front of him on the floor. Addressing the U.S. and European governments, he pleads for them to contact a named intermediary before it is too late. "They have given me three days to live," he says as a man holding an assault rifle and dressed in camouflage stands next to him. "If you don't do anything, I'm finished. I'm dead. They will kill me. Three days. You have had 20 days, and you've done nothing." He does not specify any demands, only urges Western governments to make contact with the interme-

diary. It was not known which, if any, of the captors' demands were met. The energy-rich Gulf nation of Qatar, which is a leading supporter of the Syr-

helped us over these many months," Curtis' mother, Nancy Curtis, said in a statement from the family. "Please know that we will be eternally grateful." Curtis, under the Theo Pad-

those working to help them be freed. We want to do everything we can to support their efforts." In another video from June 30, 2014, a man with a beard and disheveled hair



Deputy White House Press Secretary Eric Schultz speaks to reporters during a press briefing in Edgartown, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Speaking on freed American journalist Peter Theo Curtis, Schultz said "the president shares in the joy and relief that we all feel now that Theo is out of Syria and safe."

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

ian rebels fighting to oust President Bashar Assad, has been involved in mediating hostage releases in Syria over the past year. In March, the Qataris helped negotiate the release of more than a dozen Greek Orthodox nuns held by the Nusra Front. Late last year, Qatar also helped broker a deal that saw nine Lebanese pilgrims held in Syria by rebels go free in exchange for the release of two Turkish pilots held hostage in Lebanon. His family said they believe Curtis was captured in October 2012, shortly after crossing into Syria. "My heart is full at the extraordinary, dedicated, incredible people, too many to name individually, who have become my friends and have tirelessly

nos byline, has written for the New Republic and in 2011 wrote a book called "Undercover Muslim: A Journey Into Yemen," which studied the radicalization of disaffected youths. Before leaving for Yemen in 2005 to study Islam, he worked in the Vermont prison system teaching teenage inmates. That experience resulted in the book "My Life Had Stood a Loaded Gun." "He seems to be in good health," Curtis' cousin Viva Hardigg said in an interview. "We are deeply relieved and grateful for his return and the many people who have helped us secure his freedom. At the same time, we are thinking constantly of the other hostages who are still held and

identifies himself as Peter Theo Curtis from Boston, and says he is being treated well. "I have everything I need. Everything has been perfect — food, clothing, even friends now," he says. He appears to be reading from a script. Curtis' release was first reported by Al Jazeera. Secretary of State Kerry voiced relief and gratitude for Curtis' release, "particularly after a week marked by unspeakable tragedy." "Theo's mother, whom we've known from Massachusetts and with whom we've worked during this horrific period, simply refused to give up and has worked indefatigably to keep hope alive that this day could be a reality," Kerry said. □



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# Strong California quake causes injuries, damage

**ELLEN KNICKMEYER**  
Associated Press

NAPA, California (AP) — The largest earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay Area in 25 years struck

The magnitude-6.0 quake, which ruptured water mains and gas lines and damaged some of the region's famed wineries, sent residents running out of

where the quake had shorn a 10-foot (3-meter) chunk of bricks and concrete from the corner of an old county courthouse. Boulder-sized pieces of rubble littered the

kept getting knocked back into his bed as he tried to flee.

"When I woke up, my mom was screaming, and the sound from the earthquake was greater than my mom's screams," the 20-year-old Rivera said.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for southern Napa County, directing state agencies to respond with equipment and personnel. President Barack Obama was briefed on the earthquake, the White House said, and federal officials were in touch with state and local emergency responders.

Napa Fire Department Operations Chief John Callanan said the city had exhausted its own resources trying to extinguish at least six fires after 60 water mains ruptured, as well as transporting injured residents, searching homes for anyone trapped and responding to reports of 50 gas leaks.

The earthquake sent at least 120 people to Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa, where officials set up a triage tent to handle the influx. Most patients had cuts, bumps and bruises suffered either in the quake, when they tried to flee their homes or while cleaning up, hospital CEO Walt Mickens said. Three people were admitted with broken bones and two for heart attacks.

The child in critical condition was struck by flying debris from a collapsed fireplace and had to be airlifted to a specialty hospital for a neurological evaluation, Callanan said.

The temblor struck about six miles (10 kilometers) south of Napa around 3:20 a.m., according to the United States Geological Survey. It was the largest to shake

the Bay Area since the magnitude-6.9 Loma Prieta quake struck in 1989, collapsing part of the Bay Bridge roadway and killing more than 60 people, most when an Oakland freeway fell.

Sunday's quake was felt widely throughout the region. People reported feeling it more than 200 miles (300 kilometers) south of Napa and as far east as the Nevada border.

Amtrak suspended its train service through the Bay Area so tracks could be inspected.

Pacific Gas and Electric spokesman J.D. Guidi said close to 30,000 lost power right after the quake hit, but that number was down to around 19,000 later in the day, most of them in Napa. He said crews were working to make repairs, but it was unclear when electricity would be restored.

The depth of the earthquake was just under seven miles (11 kilometers), and was followed by numerous small aftershocks, the USGS said.

"A quake of that size in a populated area is of course widely felt throughout that region," said Randy Baldwin, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado.

California Highway Patrol Officer Kevin Bartlett said cracks and damage to pavement closed the westbound Interstate 80 connector to westbound State Route 37 in Vallejo and westbound State Route 37 at the Sonoma off ramp. He said there hadn't been reports of injuries or people stranded in their cars, but there were numerous cases of flat tires from motorists driving over damaged roads. □



People look at a damaged building with a top corner exposed following an earthquake Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Napa, Calif. A large earthquake rolled through California's northern Bay Area early Sunday, damaging some buildings, igniting fires, knocking out power to tens of thousands and sending residents running out of their homes in the darkness.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

before dawn on Sunday, sending scores of people to hospitals, igniting fires, damaging historic buildings and knocking out power to thousands of homes and businesses in California's wine country.

their homes in the darkness. Three people — two adults and a child — were critically injured.

Dazed residents too fearful of aftershocks to go back to bed wandered through Napa's historic downtown,

lawn and street in front of the building and the hole left behind allowed a view of the offices inside.

College student Eduardo Rivera said the home he shares with six relatives shook so violently that he

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# Mass held for slain US journalist James Foley



Bishop Peter Libasci speaks during a special Mass for slain journalist James Foley at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic church in Foley's hometown of Rochester, N.H., Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

**JEFF McMENEMY**  
Associated Press  
**ROCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP)** — Slain U.S. journalist James Foley was living his faith by bringing images to the world of people suffering from war and oppressive regimes, a Roman Catholic bishop said Sunday at a Mass in his honor.

Bishop Peter Libasci said even after Foley was captured for the first time in Libya in 2011, he "went back again that we might open our eyes."

The Mass was attended by Foley's parents, John and Diane Foley, and hundreds of others in their hometown of Rochester, New Hampshire. Afterward, Libasci read aloud a letter from the Vatican extending the condolences of Pope Francis.

"Thank you for loving Jim," Diane Foley told the crowd after the Massachusetts. The crowd filled every pew and people stood three deep at the back of the church and along both sides of it. Gov. Maggie Hassan, along with U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte, attended the memorial.

Foley was kidnapped on Thanksgiving Day 2012 while covering the Syrian uprising. The Islamic State

group posted a Web video Tuesday showing his killing and said it was in retaliation for U.S. airstrikes in northern Iraq.

In a packed Our Lady of the Holy Rosary church, the bishop frequently addressed Foley's parents and stressed their son's connection to family. He also prayed for another captive journalist, Steven Sotloff, and all captives.

"Jim went back again that we might open our eyes," Libasci said. "That we might indeed know how precious is this gift. May almighty God grant peace to James and to all our fragile world."

Libasci said after the Mass that people shouldn't think of vengeance.

"Look at what it's done already," he said. "Look at the heartbreak."

A funeral for Foley will be Oct. 18, what would have been his 41st birthday.

Also Sunday, the U.S. government said Peter Theo Curtis, a journalist who was held hostage for about two years by an al-Qaida-linked group in Syria, was released. White House national security adviser Susan Rice said Curtis, who wrote under the byline Theo Padnos, is now safe outside of Syria.

Speakers praised Foley's

ed by conflict.

"Tonight we want to honor freedom and love: the freedom that James so vehemently believed that all people deserved," said Nadia Alawa, founder of NuDay Syria, a Massachusetts-based organization working to ease the pain and loss in Syria.

The world's largest bloc of Islamic nations denounced Foley's "heinous" killing and reiterated its support for international efforts to confront the Islamic State fighters.

Iyad Madani, chief of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, said in a statement Saturday that the actions of the Islamic State group have nothing to do with the values of Islam or his organization's founding principles of tolerance and co-existence. □

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## Hundreds in Washington protest Missouri shooting

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**WASHINGTON** - Hundreds of protesters marched through busy, commercial streets here on a damp Saturday evening - with arms raised - protesting the killing of Michael Brown, the unarmed African-American teenager who was fatally shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, earlier this month. Motorists leaned out of car windows, and restaurant patrons, waiters and tourists stepped onto the street to take pictures and videos of the throng. Protest organizers - including the activist groups National Black United Front and the Answer Coalition - targeted the Chinatown neighborhood, said Eugene Young, a spokesman

for the Answer Coalition, because, "If there's not going to be justice for Michael Brown, then there won't be any economic peace." The demonstrators also demanded the arrest of Darren Wilson, the police officer who shot Brown, the demilitarization of police departments and the addition of cameras to police officers' uniforms. The White House announced a comprehensive review of a program that gave police departments military-grade equipment, but Young said it might be only a "cosmetic" effort. "We have to wait and see," he added. A dozen police cars redirected traffic away from the demonstration for nearly an hour as protest-

ers streamed through the streets around the National Portrait Gallery. In the last 10 days, there have been daily protests in Washington - including on college campuses and in front of the White House - over the killing of Brown. Gwendo-

grade teacher here who joined Saturday's demonstration at Mount Vernon Square, called the treatment by the police of Brown and other young black men a "pattern that needs to be broken." Public schools in the district

ions," Cottrell said. "They're little, just 8 and 9 years old, but they have strong opinions about it. Our youth knows what is happening." Brandon Walters, 20, a junior at Howard University, said he directly identified with Brown, who was 18



Demonstrators march through the streets in the Chinatown neighborhood of Washington during a protest against the shooting of unarmed Michael Brown, a black 18-year-old killed by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

lyn Crump, a spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Police Department, said, "We continue to monitor events in Ferguson and their impact here in D.C." Auda Cottrell, 35, a fourth-

start on Monday, and Cottrell said she expected her students would have questions. "If they bring it up, I can talk about it with them and make a forum for them to be able voice their opin-

and scheduled to begin college on Monday, and that is what brought him to the march. "It could happen to me, it could happen to my friends," Walters said. □

## 3 dead in LA shootings within 1 hour

**GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press**  
**SAN FERNANDO, California (AP)** — Three people were fatally shot and two others injured early Sunday in three separate attacks within the span of an hour in the northern suburbs of Los Angeles. The attacks could be related, police said. Authorities are asking for the public's help in finding a tan or light-colored sports utility vehicle with tinted windows that was spotted leaving at least one crime scene in the San Fernando Valley area, Officer Liliana Preciado said.

The Los Angeles Police Department's command staff was meeting to determine if a threat continued, she said. "That's of course something we are thinking about and looking into because it's three within the span of an hour," she said. In the first attack, someone fired gunshots at five people riding in a car to attend church at 5:50 a.m. in San Fernando, police said. A 20-year-old woman was found dead at the scene. Two others were injured; one of them was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Forty-five minutes later, at 6:35 a.m., police responded to a call of shots fired in Sylmar and found a man in his mid-20s to mid-30s dead at the scene. Ten minutes later, a third woman was found dead of a gunshot wound to the head, Preciado said. No further details were released. Police planned to hold a news conference Sunday afternoon to discuss the investigation. The shootings took place in the San Fernando Valley, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of downtown Los Angeles. □

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# New Jersey's Atlantic City grapples with vacancies

JON HURDLE

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**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** - Inside the towering oval atrium of the Revel Casino Hotel here, visitors are greeted with a plain printed sign at the base of a four-story escalator, noting simply that the building will "cease operations" at 5 a.m. on Sept. 2.

The impending shutdown of Atlantic City's newest casino, after little more than two years in business, will be another blow to what used to be the unchallenged gaming mecca of the East Coast. Not even the popularity of "Boardwalk Empire," the historical drama series on HBO, could stem the decline of the big-casino tourist attractions along the shoreline.

Revel's closing adds to a growing pile of empty gambling, hotel and resort space that the city will be left with when two other casinos close, as scheduled, by the end of September.

In addition to 127,000 square feet of gambling space abandoned at Revel, there is nearly as much at the adjacent Showboat casino-hotel, which is scheduled for closing at the end of this month. And then there is 87,000 square feet at the Trump Plaza, which is scheduled to shut on Sept. 16.

Together with 75,000 square feet that was left vacant when the Atlantic Club shut in January, the closings total 413,700 square feet of gambling space, or almost a third of the city's total, according to the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, a state agency that uses gambling revenue for investment projects.

Internet gambling, which



The boardwalk, lined with casinos and resorts -- some of which are soon shutting down -- in Atlantic City, N.J. Government and industry officials are trying to determine if former gambling and resort spaces might be repurposed; ideas include hotels and condominiums, non-gambling resorts, teaching space for local colleges, entertainment venues and "boutique" casinos. (Laura Pedrick/The New York Times)

became legal in New Jersey last year, so far has not been a significant threat to the casinos. After initially forecasting that online betting could increase industry revenue by \$1.2 billion in the first year, state officials sharply revised down forecasts for both revenue and expected tax receipts, which were scaled back to \$34 million from \$180 million. "It hasn't come close to what their projections were," said Anthony S. Graziano Sr., executive director in the Coastal New Jersey office of Integra Realty Resources, a national real estate valuation firm.

Competition from out of state, especially in Pennsylvania, has been the main threat in Atlantic City, overshadowing any issues from the recession or Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Customers in eastern Pennsylvania now have a choice of gambling halls in Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Chester or Valley Forge, removing the need to drive an hour

or more out of state.

With Atlantic City gambling revenue in free fall, government and industry officials are turning their attention to how or whether the vast empty gambling halls, and thousands of hotel rooms that support them, might be reused. Revenue at the city's 11 operating casinos dropped 6.6 percent in July compared with a year ago.

Ideas for reuse include hotels and condominiums, nongambling resorts, teaching space for local colleges, entertainment venues and "boutique" casinos that offer limited gambling in spaces that are smaller than the large floors that characterize the current generation of properties. □



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## For student loan borrowers in default, redemption is now easier

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As college campuses prepare for a new academic year, revised federal rules now in effect should make it easier to return student loans in default to good standing. The new rules, which became official

Once that happens, borrowers are no longer eligible for protections like loan deferments and may not be able to receive federal aid should they decide to return to school. Their wages are subject to garnishment - meaning that payments can be involuntarily

15 percent of income after subtracting 150 percent of the federal poverty level. This year, that adds up to \$17,505 for an individual in every state but Alaska and Hawaii, which have higher poverty levels. So, for instance, if you're single, with an annual in-



**New York University students celebrate graduation at Yankee Stadium in New York, May 22, 2014. Student loans recently surpassed credit cards as the third-largest form of household debt.**  
(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

July 1, help define what is a "reasonable and affordable" monthly payment for borrowers working to get troubled loans back on track through a rehabilitation process. Loan rehabilitation, which gives borrowers who have defaulted a chance to redeem themselves, is not a new option. But previously, loan servicers and debt collectors had different definitions of what an appropriate payment meant, leaving some students with payments that were still too high. Federal student loans are typically considered in default after payments are past due for more than 270 days - about nine months.

deducted from their paychecks - and their credit will most likely be damaged. Rehabilitation allows borrowers to get their loans out of default by making at least nine full, on-time payments in a 10-month period. But if the payment amount is too high, they are less likely to complete the rehabilitation process. That's why the new rules borrow the definition of "affordable" from the federal government's traditional income-based repayment, or IBR, program, which bases borrowers' loan payments on a conservative estimate of their disposable income. The formula calculates a payment of

come of \$25,000, the formula reduces your income to \$7,495 - and your payment would be about \$94 a month, according to the American Student Assistance loan estimator tool. Loan experts caution, however, that even though you're making payments based on the IBR formula while your loans are in rehabilitation, that doesn't mean that you're formally enrolled in the IBR program. For instance, while you're in loan rehabilitation, your payments don't count toward the eventual forgiveness of your student debt, as they would if you were actually in IBR, Mayotte said. □

## Real-life money lessons await college students

**Andrea Rumbaugh**  
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Leaving home for college gives students an opportunity to build credit and learn budgeting skills - or become mired in debt and bad spending habits.

"The budgeting, spending and saving habits that a student forms in college are going to stick around a long time after graduation," said Donna Skeels Cygan, an Albuquerque, N.M.-based certified financial planner and author of "The Joy of Financial Security." For starters, she said, parents should talk about the cost of college and how that's being paid for. They should tell their children if they can't afford an expensive school and if loans are needed. Being open about this decision-making process, she said, fosters good habits. Another conversation should focus on whether students want to work through college. In Cygan's opinion, and if it's financially possible, students should take a full load of classes and not work during the school year. During summer vacation, she said, they should hold jobs. And it's a good idea to start contributing to a Roth IRA as soon as they start earning income.

She also warned students to beware of credit cards. She recommended they work with parents to get cards with lower spending limits.

Julie Myhre, senior manager of content at NextAdvisor.com, said credit cards are a good opportunity for students, but it's important that parents explain the proper use of these cards and the consequences if used incorrectly.

NextAdvisor.com, a consumer website that reviews online services, created a list of what it considers the best credit cards for students.

It rated the Citi Dividend Platinum Select Visa Card for College Students best overall. This card allows students to earn 5 percent cash back on rotating categories - ranging from movie tickets to groceries to gas - and 1 percent cash back on all other purchases, up to \$300 annually.

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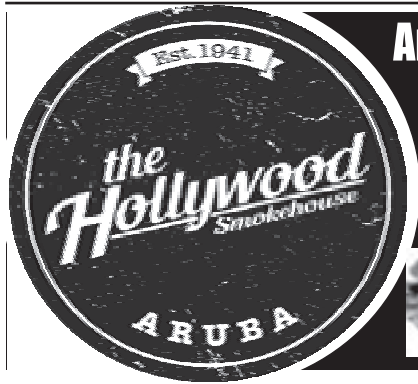
Joe Burke, executive vice president of development for Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas, equates a credit card to a hammer. He said it's a tool that, if used correctly, can build things. However, it can also cause destruction if used improperly.

Financial literacy is one of Junior Achievement's three key content areas, he said, and it is involved in many of the organization's K-12 programs.

One in particular, designed for students in eighth through 12th grades, is JA Finance Park. This program provides teachers with a curriculum that discusses topics like saving, investing, budgeting, using credit effectively and abating risk through insurance. Students then attend an event where they're provided with a life scenario - if they're single or married, if they have kids, how much they make - and are challenged to balance their wants and needs with their means.

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## Israel leader tries to link Hamas, Iraq extremists

**DANIEL ESTRIN**  
**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel's prime minister is trying to capitalize on the gruesome video of an American journalist's beheading by the Islamic State extremist group, saying Hamas is an equally vicious foe as he tries to rally international support in Israel's war in the Gaza Strip. But the comparisons between Hamas and Islamic State are being met with reservations by Israel's allies and enemies alike. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu always has prided himself on his ability to attract media attention. Netanyahu, who grew up in the U.S. and speaks fluent English, often uses catchy

quips, props or visual aids in public speeches or briefings to journalists.

A day after the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, posted the video of journalist James Foley's killing, Netanyahu debuted his latest catchphrase: "Hamas is ISIS. ISIS is Hamas." He voiced the slogan at a news conference, on Twitter and even at his weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday.

As Israel's military campaign against Hamas in Gaza nears its eighth week, Netanyahu is fighting an uphill battle for international support. While the international community generally supports Israel's right to defend itself against in-



**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks in Tel Aviv, Israel, regarding the Israel-Hamas war. A day after the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, posted the video of American journalist James Foley's killing, Netanyahu debuted his latest catchphrase: "Hamas is ISIS. ISIS is Hamas." He has continued to repeat the slogan at news conferences, on Twitter and even at his weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday, Aug. 24.**

(AP Photo/Dan Balilty)

## Palestinian president Abbas prepares a new UN appeal

**M. DARAGHMEH**  
**Associated Press**

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)** — Aides to the Palestinian president said Sunday that he will soon appeal to the international community to set a deadline for Israel to end its occupation of lands captured in the 1967 Mid-east war and make way for an independent Palestinian state.

The aides said President Mahmoud Abbas would present his proposal as part of a "day after" plan following the end of the current war in the Gaza Strip. Abbas is expected to unveil his plan at a meeting of the Palestinian leadership on Tuesday. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because he has not yet made the plan public. One official said that Abbas has grown disillusioned after two decades of failed efforts to reach a negotiat-

ed peace settlement with Israel. He said the Palestinians want a fixed date for an Israeli withdrawal from lands claimed by the Palestinians and a timetable for establishing a Palestinian state.

"This should be done through a mechanism to compel Israel as the occupying power to end its occupation and agree on a timetable for the implementation of the withdrawal," he said.

With Israel at war with Hamas militants in Gaza, Abbas has been searching for ways to assert himself on the international stage. He is seeking a foothold back in Gaza, which was captured from his forces by Hamas seven years ago, and is eager to show the Palestinian public he is working to end the fighting and lead the Palestinians to independence. □

discriminate rocket fire, the world has grown increasingly uncomfortable with the scenes coming out of Gaza.

Hundreds of Israeli airstrikes, along with tank and artillery fire, have killed more than

2,100 people and caused widespread destruction. U.N. and Palestinian officials say most of the dead have been civilians, including some 500 children.

With powerful images of flattened buildings and

dead children coming out of Gaza each day, Israel's argument that the civilians have been used as "human shields" by Hamas seems to be making little difference to perceptions abroad. □

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## Official says British Ebola patient to be evacuated

**CLARENCE MACAULAY**

**Associated Press**

**FREETOWN, Sierra Leone**

**(AP)** — The first British citizen confirmed to be infected with the deadly Ebola disease is being evacuated from Sierra Leone on a jet sent by the Royal Air Force, a Sierra Leone official said Sunday.

The World Health Organization is also considering medical evacuation for a Senegalese health worker who has become infected in Sierra Leone, the U.N. health agency said.

Neither patient was identified by name.

The British patient was working at an Ebola treatment center in eastern Sierra Leone, the region most affected by the outbreak, said Sidie Yayah Tunis, director of communications for the Sierra Leone health ministry.

The Senegalese health worker is an epidemiolo-

gist deployed from a WHO partner organization, WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl said on Twitter.

The two cases highlight the risks facing health workers on the front lines of the battle against Ebola, which has killed more than 1,400 people across West Africa, according to the latest WHO figures.

"This is the first time someone working under the aegis of WHO has fallen ill with the disease," the WHO said in its statement, adding that more than 225 health workers have been infected and nearly 130 have died from Ebola during the current outbreak.

The British patient was transported via ambulance to Sierra Leone's main airport in the town of Lungi, Tunis said.

Britain's Department of Health said the patient was being flown on a specially equipped RAF transport



**A health worker cleans his hands with chlorinated water before entering a Ebola screening tent, at the Kenema Government Hospital situated in the Eastern Province around 300 kilometer (186 miles) from the capital city of Freetown in Kenema, Sierra Leone. The first British citizen confirmed to be infected with the deadly Ebola disease is being evacuated from Sierra Leone on a jet sent by the Royal Air Force, a Sierra Leone official said Sunday.**

plane to Northolt air base in London.

He will be treated at London's Royal Free Hospital,

which has an isolation unit for infectious disease. The department said in a statement that the patient "is

not currently seriously un-

well." The World Health Organization says Sierra Leone has recorded 910 Ebola cases and 392 deaths. The Sierra Leone government says there have been 881 cases and 333 deaths. In Kenema, where the Briton was working, the government has recorded 303 cases.

A total of 2,615 infections and 1,427 deaths have been recorded in the Ebola outbreak now hitting West Africa, according to figures released Friday by the World Health Organization.

On Sunday, Congo said two Ebola-related deaths had been confirmed in the country's northwest Equateur province, but Health Minister Felix Kabange Numbi said they were unrelated to the West Africa outbreak. □

## China defends intercepting US Navy plane

**JACK CHANG**

**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — China's De-

fense Ministry rejected U.S. accusations that a Chinese fighter jet's intercept of a U.S. Navy surveillance aircraft off the southern Chinese coast was dangerous, and blamed Washington for mounting large-scale and frequent close-in reconnaissance operations.

Ministry spokesman Yang Yujun said the Chinese pilot conducted operations that were "professional and the Chinese jet kept a safe distance from the U.S. planes."

He called the U.S. accusations "groundless" in a

statement issued Saturday night, and said that China was conducting "routine identification and verification" flights.

Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby gave a different account Friday of the Aug. 19 encounter about 135 miles (220 kilometers) east of China's Hainan Island. He said the Chinese jet made several close passes by the Navy P-8 Poseidon plane, coming within 30 feet (9 meters) of it at one point.

Kirby said that included the Chinese jet doing a "barrel roll" maneuver over the top of the Poseidon — a modified Boeing 737 — and passing across

the nose of the Navy plane apparently to show that it was armed. Kirby said the Chinese jet's maneuvering posed a risk to the safety of the U.S. air crew and was "inconsistent with customary international law."

He said it was the fourth such incident since March of "close intercepts" involving Chinese jets.

The Chinese statement also said that a Navy P-3 Orion, an anti-submarine and surveillance aircraft, flew alongside the Poseidon. The Pentagon did not mention the second aircraft. Tensions between the two countries have risen in the South China Sea, as China disputes territorial

claims with U.S. ally the Philippines, Vietnam and other neighbors.

In 2001, a Chinese jet collided with a U.S. Navy surveillance aircraft off Hainan Island, killing the Chinese pilot and forcing the Navy plane to make an emergency landing on the island. Washington severed military relations with China after that episode.

In the latest encounter, Yang blamed "the large-scale and highly frequent close-in reconnaissance by the U.S. against China" as "the root cause of accidents endangering the sea and air military security between China and the United States." □





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## Egypt Islamic authority: Extremists no 'Islamic State'

**SARAH EL DEEB**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — The top Islamic authority in Egypt, revered by many Muslims worldwide, launched an Internet-based campaign Sunday challenging an extremist group in Syria and Iraq by saying it should not be called an "Islamic State."

The campaign by the Dar el-Ifta, the top authority that advises Muslims on spiritual and life issues, adds to the war of words by Muslim leaders across the world targeting the Islamic State group, which controls wide swaths of Iraq and Syria. Its violent attacks, including mass shootings, destroying Shiite shrines, targeting minorities and beheadings including American journalist James Foley, have shocked Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The Grand Mufti of Egypt, Shawki Allam, previously said the extremists violate all Islamic principles and laws and described the group as a danger to Islam as a whole. Now, the Dar el-Ifta he oversees will suggest foreign media drop using "Islamic State" in favor of the "al-Qaida Separatists in Iraq and Syria," or the acronym "QSIS," said Ibrahim Negm, an adviser to the mufti.

This is part of a campaign that "aims to correct the image of Islam that has been tarnished in the West because of these criminal acts, and to exonerate humanity from such crimes that defy natural instincts and spreads hate between people," Negm said according to Egypt's state news agency MENA. "We also want to reaffirm that all Muslims are against these practices which violate the tolerant principles

of Islam." Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi also weighed in. On Sunday, speaking to editors of Egyptian news-

papers, he said the extremist group is part of a plot aiming to "undermine Islam as a belief." He said the current religious

discourse in the region only feeds "minds that believe that killing and bloodshed is the way to defend Islam," in comments carried

by MENA.

El-Sissi has been a champion of advancing moderate Islam, building his power base in the chaotic region and since he ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi on vows to crush extremist Islam.

The mufti's adviser Negm said the Internet and social media campaign will include opinions by Islamic scholars from around the world about the group and its claims to represent Islam. It also will include a hashtag campaign on Twitter and videos from Muslims denouncing the group and its methods.

The Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheik Abdul-Aziz Al-Sheik, had also called the group Islam's No. 1 enemy. The world's largest bloc of Islamic nations, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. □



Muslims arrive to attend prayer at Al-Azhar mosque in Cairo, Egypt. Dar el-Ifta, the top Islamic authority in Egypt, revered by many Muslims worldwide, launched Sunday an internet-based campaign aimed particularly at the West against an extremist group in Syria and Iraq, saying it is not an "Islamic State."

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

## Jihadis capture major Syrian air base in northeast

**RYAN LUCAS**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Islamic State fighters captured a major military air base in northeastern Syria on Sunday, eliminating the last government-held outpost in a province otherwise dominated by the jihadi group, activists and state media said.

Tabqa airfield — home to several warplane squadrons, helicopters, tanks, artillery, and ammunition bunkers — is the third military base in the area to fall to the extremists since last month. Those victories are part of the Islamic State group's aggressive push to consolidate its hold on northern and eastern provinces, while also expanding the boundaries of its self-styled caliphate straddling the Syria-Iraq border.

The jihadis launched their long-anticipated offensive last week to seize the sprawling Tabqa facility, located some 45 kilometers (25 miles) from the extremists' stronghold in the city of Raqqa along the Euphrates River.

After several failed efforts to breach the walls in recent days, Islamic State fighters managed to punch through and storm the air base Sunday, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. Government warplanes carried out waves of airstrikes to try to beat back the attack, but those ultimately proved unable to stem the assault. "Some of the Syrian regime troops pulled out, and now the Islamic State is in full control of Tabqa," said Observatory director Rami Abdurrahman. "This makes

Raqqa province the first to fully fall out of government hands."

Another activist group, the Local Coordination Committees, also said the extremist group was in control of Tabqa.

The SANA state news agency confirmed that the government had lost the air base, saying troops "are successfully reassembling after evacuating the airport."

"It said that the military was still "striking terrorist groups, inflicting heavy losses on them."

The government had made significant investments in both weapons and manpower to try to hold onto Tabqa, making its fall both a symbolic and a strategic blow.

Islamic State fighters had been closing in on the base

for weeks. When the fight finally came, it was bloody. The Observatory said that at least 100 Islamic State fighters were killed and another 300 wounded in the fighting, numbers that exclude casualties from the final assault. It said more than 170 government troops also were killed Sunday alone, and there were reports that another 150 may have been captured. Tabqa is the latest in a string of bases to fall to the Islamic State group as it strengthens its hold over a vast swath of territory in northern and eastern Syria. Last month, the extremists overran the sprawling Division 17 military base in Raqqa, killing at least 85 soldiers. Two weeks later, they seized the nearby Brigade 93 base after days of heavy fighting. □



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## Retro-Soviet restaurant a nod to nostalgia

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — There's no

rice, beans or fried plantains at Havana's newest private restaurant. You can order a minty mojito, but it'll come mixed with vodka instead of the traditional white rum.

The waiters speak Russian, and patrons are expected to order in that language if they want to get served. But don't worry, the menus at this retro-Soviet restaurant come with translations and pronunciation guides for the non-initiated.

Nazdarovie, which is named for the popular Russian toast and opened Friday, is all about Slavic fare like bowls of blood-red borscht and stuffed Ukrainian varenyky dumplings, hand-rolled in the back by "babushkas" who were born in the former Soviet Union but have long called Cuba home.

It's a nod to nostalgia for the island's Soviet ties during the Cold War, a time when Moscow was Havana's main source of trade and aid and hundreds of thousands of Cubans traveled to the Soviet bloc as diplomats, artists and students.

"For most of them it was the first time they ever left this island. They have nostalgia about their time there, about the flavors they experienced for the first time," said Gregory Binowsky, a 45-year-old Canadian of Ukrainian descent who dreamed up Nazdarovie and launched it with three Cuban partners.

"The idea with Nazdarovie is really to celebrate a unique social and cultural link that existed and to a certain degree still exists today between Cuba of



Reproductions of Soviet propaganda posters hang on the wall at the new Nazdarovie restaurant as a waitress prepares a table for the pre-launch rehearsal in Havana, Cuba.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

2014 and what was once the Soviet Union," said Binowsky, a lawyer and consultant who has lived in Havana for two decades.

The collapse of the Soviet bloc largely ended the Havana-Moscow connection and sent Cuba into an economic tailspin. However, Russian President Vladimir Putin has talked recently of renewing the relationship. He made a state visit last month, Russian navy ships periodically dock in Havana's harbor and Cuba has backed Russia in its dispute over Ukraine.

Occupying the third story of a historic building on the seafront Malecon boulevard, Nazdarovie is an homage to the old country.

Behind the bar, Russian nesting dolls and a bust of Lenin perch next to bottles of high-end vodka. Reproductions of Soviet propaganda posters line

one wall in an attempt to spark conversation among customers sitting at a long communal table. About the only sign of the tropics is the million-dollar terrace view of Havana's skyline and the Straits of Florida.

At a pre-launch dress rehearsal, smartly dressed young waiters set steaming bowls of solyanka, a meaty Russian soup, before about 20 invited guests.

The evening's menu also included pelmeni, dumplings filled with meat, sour cream and dill; golubtsy, stuffed cabbage rolls slow-cooked in a tomato sauce; pork Stroganoff (beef is often scarce in Cuba); and for dessert, savory-sweet blintzes, called "blinchiki" in Russian.

Binowsky said most of the ingredients can be found on the island, with some exceptions such as flour for black bread, and caviar, for which they'll rely on tins

imported in the personal luggage of friends and family. It will go for about \$15 an ounce, with fancier and pricier varieties available for special occasions. In the air-conditioned kitchen, Irina Butorina stirred gobs of mayonnaise with potatoes, eggs, ham and peas to create an olier salad, a popular dish in former Soviet states that, according to legend, was invented by a Belgian- or French-Russian chef named Lucien Olivier. Butorina, 56, fell in love with a Cuban student she met at university in her native Kyrgyz Soviet Socialist Republic, now Kyrgyzstan, and moved here in 1984. She said the taste of her mother's recipes faded as she adapted to Cuba.

"At first I used to cook a lot of Russian food here, but then a lot of things disappeared from the market — cabbage, for example.

### Costa Rica will investigate US anti-Cuba plan

JAVIER CORDOBA

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) —

The Costa Rican government will investigate undercover U.S. programs operated from the Central American country and using its citizens in a ploy to destabilize the government in Cuba, the director of intelligence and security said this weekend.

Mariano Figueres told The Associated Press that the new administration, which took office May 8, has found no records or information from their predecessors about the U.S. Agency for International Development project, which starting in 2009 sent young Venezuelans, Costa Ricans and Peruvians to Cuba in hopes of stirring opposition to the island's communist government.

Figueres said Costa Rica's only information came from an Aug. 4 Associated Press article, which said USAID and a contractor, Creative Associates International, used the cover of health and civic programs, some operating out of Costa Rica, in hopes of provoking political change in Cuba.

The AP found the program continued even as U.S. officials privately told contractors to consider suspending travel to Cuba after the arrest there of contractor Alan Gross, who remains imprisoned after smuggling in sensitive technology.

"If we can confirm all this, of course we're not going to agree that our national territory be used to attack a friendly government, regardless of what ideological side you're on," Figueres said. □





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At Hadicurari the focus is on freshly caught fish, which the seaside restaurant gets its fish from the fishermen, who moor their boats across the restau-

rant on the pier. The chef will prepare your fish any way you like and serve it with the potato of the day and fresh steamed vegetables. On Sunday there is an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet. Hadicurari is located between the Marriott Resort and the Holiday Inn Resort next to MooMba Beach; opening hours are 8 am until 11 pm.

The menu at Hadicurari is great: appetizers are either a ceviche or a beef Car-

paccio, followed by mahi mahi with grilled shrimp or surf and turf, a filet mignon with the catch of the day. Profiteroles or a flan are the dessert choices. Of course dinner won't be complete without a great glass of wine: the Banfi San Angelo Pinot Grigio or the Banfi Col di Sasso Cabernet will go perfectly with your dinner. Reservations are recommended, so please call 586-2288 to guarantee yourself a table. □





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## Join Sabrina Wilson Barrett's Project to Safeguard Aruba's turtles

**EAGLE BEACH** - Sabrina Wilson Barrett, 18, staying with family members at La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino is a young woman with a big heart. For her high school senior project in 2013, she started making bracelets and keychains, made of natural materials, selling them at the resort and donating all proceeds to the local Turtugaruba.

The plight of the Caribbean sea turtles, fighting for

survival in the face of modern beach development, and the need to raise awareness and protection for sea turtles across the globe, moved Sabrina into action and propelled her into hand-making these attractive pieces of jewelry to help raise money for the foundation. Turtugaruba is a not-for-profit foundation for the conservation of sea turtles and their habitat in the Wider Caribbean, es-

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Scott Dixon raises a glass of wine after winning the GoPro Grand Prix of Sonoma IndyCar series auto race, Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Sonoma, Calif. Associated Press

## Dixon gets dramatic Sonoma IndyCar win

GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

**SONOMA, California (AP)** — New Zealand driver Scott Dixon surged ahead with three laps left for a victory at Sonoma Raceway on Sunday, while IndyCar points leader Will Power of Australia recovered from a mid-race spin to finish 10th heading to the season finale.

Power leads teammate Brazilian Helio Castroneves by 51 points heading to the double-points finale at Fontana on Saturday. Castroneves struggled to an 18th-place finish at Sonoma.

Frenchman Simon Pagenaud is 81 points back in third after a third-place finish on a wild day in wine country.

Dixon is out of the race to defend his 2013 title, but he grabbed his 35th win after leader Graham Rahal was forced to pit for gas with four laps left.

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## Mahan wins Barclays with 3 late birdies

Hunter Mahan watches his shot from the third fairway during second round play at The Barclays golf tournament Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, in Paramus, N.J. Associated Press  
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# Usain Bolt ends injury-plagued season early

**ZURICH (AP)** — Usain Bolt has decided to end his injury-plagued season early, having competed in just three races in 2014. Organizers for Thursday's Diamond League meeting in Zurich said Sunday that Bolt had withdrawn from the event's 100-meter race and will not compete again this season. The decision comes a day after the Olympic champion and world record-holder won a 100 race in Warsaw, Poland, clocking 9.98 seconds. The statement said Bolt's coach Glen Mills "feels it is now time to shut it down while he is healthy and injury free with a view on his preparations for the 2015 season." Bolt's preparations for the season were disrupted by a foot injury and his only other appearances in 2014 were in the 4x100 relay for Jamaica



Karol Zalewski of Poland, left, Usain Bolt of Jamaica, center, and his compatriot Sheldon Mitchell, right, compete in the men's 100m race at the Kamila Skolimowska Memorial athletics meeting at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland, Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014.

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at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and a 100 exhibition race in Rio de Janeiro.

He won all three events but without displaying the type of speed that has made him the sport's

biggest star. Saturday was the first time this year he ran a 100 race in under 10 seconds.

With no major titles on offer in 2014, Bolt hopes to be back to full fitness for next year's world championships in Beijing, which will mark a return to the Bird's Nest stadium where he won three Olympic golds in 2008 and set as many world records. His absence will be a major blow to European meet organizers, though, as the Jamaican remains the sport's biggest draw. However, Zurich meet director Patrick Magyar said he understood Bolt's decision. "Usain's body has delivered tremendous performances over the last years. But, it is a body and not a machine," Magyar said. "If an athlete of that level and his coach feel more rest is needed, we are certainly not going to question this and fully support this decision." □

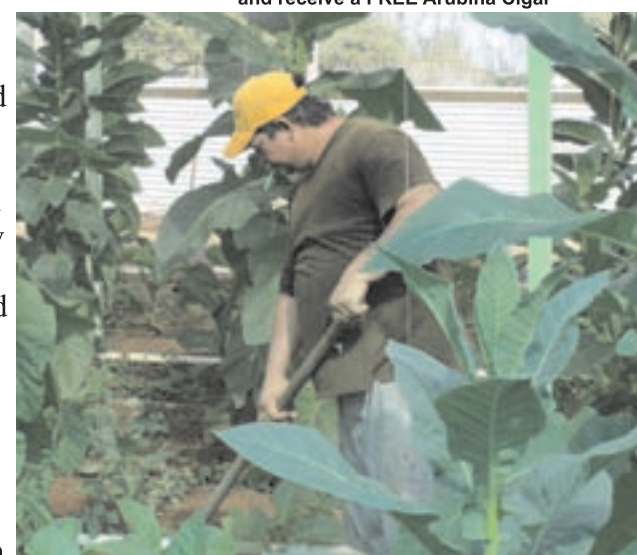
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## Rams' Bradford out for season with ACL tear

**R.B. FALLSTROM**  
AP Sports Writer

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Rams quarterback Sam Bradford has a torn ACL in his left knee for the second straight year and is out for the season.

Coach Jeff Fisher confirmed the extent of the injury Sunday night, news first reported by ESPN and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"We lost our quarterback," Fisher said. "For Sam, it was devastating."

In all, five starters were hurt against the Browns.

Cornerback Trumaine Johnson was carted off with a knee injury and three others — guard Rodger Saffold and defensive tackles Kendall Langford and Michael Brockers — left with ankle injuries.

Johnson will be out 4-6 weeks with an MCL tear, but Fisher said Saffold, Langford and Brockers could play if needed in the preseason finale Thursday at Miami.

Bradford was injured in the first quarter of Saturday night's 33-14 preseason victory at Cleveland. He was hit on his left side by Browns defensive end Armonty Bryant as he threw a pass.

Bradford hopped briefly on his right leg before dropping to the ground.

Bradford, the first overall pick of the 2010 draft, missed the last nine games last season after getting injured at Caro-



St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford grimaces after being hit by Cleveland Browns defensive lineman Armonty Bryant in the first quarter of a preseason NFL football game Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, in Cleveland.

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lina. Veteran Shaun Hill is the backup and the Rams also have rookie Garrett Gilbert and Austin Davis on the roster.

"Shaun's our guy," Fisher said.

"I brought him here."

After the game, Fisher thought Bradford might have hyperextended the knee and was "very optimistic." Bradford walked off

the field, and then walked to the locker room after the injury.

Wide receiver Brian Quick said he was assured by the quarterback that he was "OK."

"It is a tremendous loss for them," Browns coach Mike Pettine said.

"We knew that it didn't look like much when it happened, but I just think it was

a good amount of weight that got put on it. It's such an unfortunate thing."

Pettine said there "certainly wasn't any intent" by Bryant to hurt Bradford.

Bradford had 14 touchdown passes and four interceptions last season. The Rams then upgraded their offensive line by drafting guard-tackle Greg Robinson No. 2 overall.

Bradford played in two preseason games and was 4 for 9 for 77 yards against the Browns.

The 34-year-old Hill has thrown only 16 passes the past three seasons as the backup in Detroit.

He made 10 starts in 2010 for the Lions in place of injured Matthew Stafford and beat the Rams for Detroit's first win after a 0-4 start. □



# Mahan comes up with timely victory at The Barclays

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)** — Hunter Mahan pulled away with three straight birdies late in the final round Sunday to win The Barclays, ending more than two years without a title on the PGA Tour. The victory was the sixth of his career, and one of the most important. Mahan had gone 48 tournaments worldwide without winning and began the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 62, guaranteed to play only two events. By closing with a 6-under 65 for a two-shot victory, he is assured of making the Tour Championship every year since the FedEx Cup began in 2007. And by beating one of the strongest fields of the year, Mahan was sure to make a

lasting impression on Tom Watson for when he makes his three captain's picks for the Ryder Cup on Sept. 2.

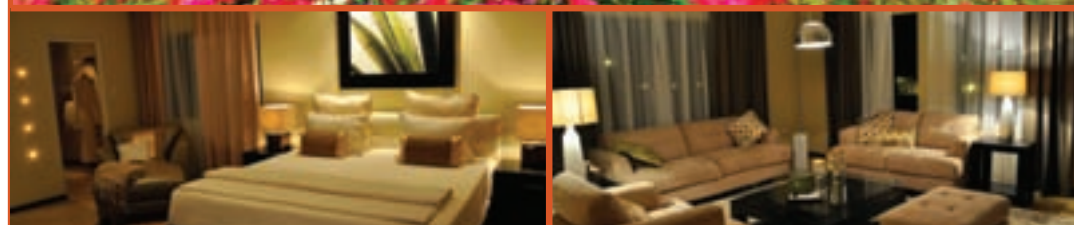
"To get a win in an event like this and the timing, it feels unbelievable," Mahan said. "So I'm extremely proud of myself. I felt great the last few weeks. My game was starting to come around. I knew this was around the corner, but to do it — and to do it today with a 65 — feels great."

On a day when six players had at least a share of the lead, Mahan found a way to make it look like a comfortable win. He rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt to take the outright lead on the par-3 15th, hit wedge to 3 feet for a birdie on the 16th and then rolled in a 20-foot birdie on the par-5 17th.



**Zoe Mahan, center, pushes the trophy as her mother Kandi Mahan, left, grabs her while they pose with Hunter Mahan, husband, father and winner of The Barclays golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Paramus, N.J.**

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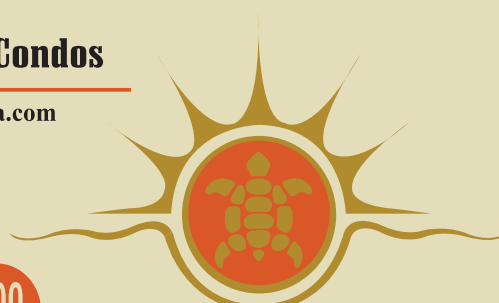


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That stretched his lead to three shots going to the final hole when Cameron Tringale bogeyed the 18th, and Mahan tried to inject a little drama.

Mahan drove into the trees, pitched out and then missed the green. But he holed an 8-foot putt for bogey. Jason Day, who shared the 54-hole lead with Jim Furyk, would have needed to hole out from the rough on the 18th to force a playoff and he missed the green. Day closed with a 68 and shared second place with Stuart Appleby (65) and Tringale, who celebrated his 27th birthday with a 66. Furyk now has failed to win the last eight times he has held at least a share of the lead going into the final round. He was in the mix until missing the fairway on the 14th and taking bogey, and he wound up with a 70 to finish in eighth place, four shots behind.

Tringale began the week with questions about disqualifying himself from the PGA Championship several days after the final major ended. He said he had doubts about whether he whiffed a tap-in for bogey and thus signed for a wrong score. He said he wanted a clear conscience.

"Didn't expect it to be this

clear," Tringale said with a smile.

This was the best finish of his career, and as a by-product of these FedEx Cup playoffs, it paid off nearly as well as a victory. Tringale, who was No. 61 in the standings, moved all the way up to No. 10 and is virtually certain of being in the FedEx Cup finale at the Tour Championship. That earns him automatic entry into at least three majors, including his first trip to the Masters. The top 100 players in the FedEx Cup standings advance to the second playoff event next week outside Boston. Seven players outside the top 100 at the start of the week qualified for the Deutsche Bank Championship, including Morgan Hoffmann at No. 124. Hoffman, who grew up minutes away from Ridgewood, played with Mahan and shot 69 to tie for ninth.

Geoff Ogilvy earned the 100th spot, only it wasn't in his hands. Ogilvy missed the cut, and his chances came down to Brendon Todd, who made a 15-foot par putt on the last hole to allow Ogilvy to advance by two points. If Todd had missed the putt, Troy Merritt would have been at No. 100 by about a half-point. □



# Hwang, Choi lift S. Korea past Chicago to win LLWS

RUSTY MILLER

AP Sports Writer

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.

(AP) — In the giddy moments after South Korea won the Little League World Series, outfielder Don Wan Sin realized how he wanted to celebrate.

"I want to go to the Blue House — the White House of Korea — and meet the President," Sin said, breaking up his teammates.

Just maybe Sin, who scored twice and hit a solo homer, will indeed get his wish to meet Park Geun-hye.

He's famous back in his homeland — along with all of his teammates.

Jae Yeong Hwang drove in two runs and combined with Hae Chan Choi, who weathered a late Chicago rally, to lead the Asia-Pacific Region champions to an 8-4 win in Sunday's LLWS championship game.

Hwang, who was removed because he wasn't feeling well, gave up one hit in two-plus innings while striking out four.

He also drove in his team's first two runs as they built an 8-1 lead before Jackie Robinson West made it close.

"I'm very joyful. It's a wonderful feeling," Hwang said. "I don't know why I'm even



South Korea celebrates an 8-4 win over Chicago in the Little League World Series championship baseball game in South Williamsport, Pa., Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014.

here; I didn't play very good today."

Choi, who had a homer and scored twice, pitched the last four innings for South Korea, which won its third title after back-to-back championships in 1984 and '85.

But even he got a little nervous at the end after Chicago collected four of its six hits and scored three times.

"I knew I could allow some runs," he said. "After I got

the second out, I thought I could do it. But after I gave up the three runs I was (worried)."

International teams have won the last three and four of the last five titles.

Brandon Green went 5 2-3 innings for Chicago, which had survived four straight knockout games before the final.

After the final out, a force play, the Seoul team's bench emptied and the players dumped cups of

water on their teammates near the mound. The players took a victory lap, waving and laughing.

The win meant a lot to the people of South Korea, who had to watch it or get updates in the middle of the night.

"We know the time difference and that a lot of people were cheering for us," said manager Jong Wook Park.

"We appreciate the people back in Korea. I told the

kids that in a speech."

The game was played in bright sunshine and temperatures in the high 70s before a crowd of 28,671 at Lamade Stadium.

South Korean fans, brightly dressed in flowing satin robes of yellow and electric blue, danced with large fans in the latter innings.

Chicago, the Great Lakes Region champions, came back from 3-0 and 5-4 deficits to beat favored West champ Las Vegas Mountain Ridge 7-5 in the U.S. title game on Saturday. Earlier, South Korea, the Asia-Pacific Region winner, rolled over Japan, 12-3.

But they couldn't come back against the powerful South Koreans, who asserted themselves early.

Leadoff hitter Choi drilled the very first pitch over the wall in right, but a few feet foul. He then flied out deep to right.

Sin followed by smacking a screaming liner to center that slipped out of the glove of DJ Butler for a two-base error. Hwang's double brought in the first run.

With one out in the third, Choi walked and Sin singled sharply up the middle. After a double steal, Choi came home on Hwang's ground-out to third.

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Dixon slid inside Mike Conway for the lead and held on for Target Chip Ganassi Racing, moving him into a fifth-place tie with Bobby Unser for career victories on the circuit.

Rahal and Conway both tried to push to the finish on low fuel, but neither made it. Ryan Hunter-Reay finished second, and Takuma Sato was fourth.

"There were so many strategies going on, and they were just slightly off," Dixon said. "I didn't know who could make it. ... So excited. This is big for our team." Power crossed the finish line ninth after a ferocious last-lap push past Justin Wilson, culminating in a thrilling three-wide sprint with

Sebastien Bourdais. But IndyCar recorded Wilson in ninth and Power in 10th because of a local yellow flag for the slowing car of Conway, who crawled across the line.

The finish capped a tumultuous day for Power, who started on the pole in his attempt to win at Sonoma for the fourth time in five years. After losing a healthy early lead, Power fell back to 20th with a mid-race spin before charging back into the top 10.

"That was a good recovery there," Power said. "We had such a fast car, but that's the way IndyCar racing goes. We maintained the points lead, and we're going to Fontana. We'll see what we can do, man."

Sonoma Raceway was unaffected by an earthquake centered just north-

east of the track about 10 hours before the race began. The 6.0 quake left several drivers alarmed, but unharmed.

Power and Castroneves were evacuated from the Team Penske hotel, giving them a sleepless night before driving Sonoma's difficult road course.

Castroneves' race was miserable from the opening lap when he sustained damage to a front wing, forcing him to pit under green for repairs. Power had a huge early lead, but Dixon beat Power out of the pits with a nifty move on the 37th lap.

Power then spun himself on cold tires on the first lap after a restart, barely avoiding a significant wreck and even falling behind Castroneves. Power struggled un-



The three winners of the GoPro Grand Prix of Sonoma IndyCar series auto race hold up their trophies following the race on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Sonoma, Calif. From left; second place winner Ryan Hunter-Reay, first place winner Scott Dixon, and third place winner Simon Pagenaud.

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til his tires were replaced, but he kept pushing and gained enough ground to

increase the 40-point lead he took into Sonoma over Castroneves.



# Ledecky sets another WR; Phelps finishes with gold

JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

GOLD COAST, Australia

(AP) — Michael Phelps completed his comeback meet in international competition with a gold medal in the medley relay to cap off a Sunday night program that kicked off with Katie Ledecky setting her second world record within 24 hours at the Pan Pacific championships. The 17-year-old Ledecky sliced almost six seconds off her own world mark by winning the 1,500-meter freestyle in 15 minutes, 28.36 seconds a day after lowering her record in the 400 freestyle. She finished the meet with five gold medals.

"I knew it was my last race of the meet, and last race of the season," Ledecky said. "I've had a really good season. I wanted to finish on a good note. I didn't want to walk away from the meet with a 'That was OK' feeling — I dug in deep for the last 50. Put it all in there."



Katie Ledecky of the U.S. points into the crowd after she set a new world record in her women's 1500m freestyle final at the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Gold Coast, Australia, Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. Ledecky won the race setting a new world record of 15 minutes, 28.36 seconds.

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Phelps started his night with a narrow loss in the 200 medley, finishing two-hundredths of a second behind Kosuke Hagino's winning time of 1:56.02, but finished it off by swimming the butterfly leg

of the medley relay and helping the U.S. continue its domination of the event. The 29-year-old Phelps, the most decorated Olympian in history, finished the meet with three gold medals — the 100 butterfly, 4x200 and

medley relays — and silvers in the 200 IM and the 4x100 relay.

He said it was a good haul considering he only returned to competitive swimming in April after 1 ½ years in retirement.

"It was, I think, a successful year," Phelps said. "Obviously I'd like to win every single race I swim in. But, (that) doesn't always happen. It was a learning experience, that's most important."

The medley relays were the last events on the program after the open water section was postponed to Aug. 31 in Maui because of concerns over water quality following three days of wet and windy weather on the Gold Coast.

Conditions were mild but sunny for the last day in the pool, when the medals were spread among five countries — with Brazil and Canada getting on top of the podium for the first time through Bruno Fratus' win in the 50 free and Ryan Cochrane's victory in the 800.

The United States topped the medal standings with 14 gold and 40 overall, with Maya Dirado winning the women's 200 IM Sunday to go with the golds from Ledecky and the men's relay. Australia placed

second with 10 gold and 26 medals overall, followed by Japan with seven gold medals and a total of 19.

Hagino, the silver medalist at last year's world championships, completed a Pan Pacs double in the IMs but put his win in the 200 down to Phelps being "not in his best condition right now."

Yasuhiro Koseki, meanwhile, won the 200 breaststroke in 2:08.57 to complete a 100-200 double and said: "I'm so happy that I could prove Japanese breaststroke is so strong." Kanako Watanabe and Rie Kaneto finished 1-2 for Japan in the earlier women's 200 breaststroke.

Australian sisters Cate and Bronte Campbell repeated their 1-2 finish in the 100 free by taking gold and silver again in the 50, and then Cate anchored the Aussies to victory over the United States and Canada in the women's medley relay.

Fratus had an eye on Rio 2016 when he won the 50 free in 21.44 seconds, relegating 33-year-old Anthony Irvin to second and his U.S. teammate Nathan Adrian to third place.

Adrian then joined Phelps, Matt Grevers and Kevin Cordes in winning the medley relay in 3:29.72, holding off Japan and Australia.

"This is the best relay to be in. We've had such a great tradition in this relay," Phelps said, before reflecting on how far he has come in four months.

"Today my body was hurting. I woke up this morning and I was in pain. After this morning's race and the nap I got, I felt pretty fresh. I felt good," he said. "For my first real big international meet back, we accomplished everything we wanted to. We were able to find out some of the things I need to improve on over the next year, and things I want to improve on. It is frustrating at times, but that's usually how I respond well."

"This is going to be a fun year."

## Bouhanni wins 2nd stage of Vuelta, Valverde leads

SAN FERNANDO, Spain

(AP) — Nacer Bouhanni of France sprinted to victory in the second stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday, while Alejandro Valverde claimed the red leader's jersey after a ride that didn't produce any changes among the race favorites.

In a Vuelta designed to favor climbers, the flat finish was one of the few chances for the sprinters to shine after the peloton picked up the pace during the route's final kilometers along the blue waters and sunny beaches of Spain's southern coast.

Bouhanni was launched by a FDJ.fr teammate and had time to ease up as he crossed the line a bike-length ahead of the pack, finishing the 174.4-kilometer (108.3-mile) ride from Algeciras to San Fernando

in 4 hours, 1 minute, 30 seconds.

Bouhanni also won three stages at this year's Giro d'Italia.

Valverde took the leader's jersey from Movistar teammate Jonathan Castroviejo after they won the opening team time trial on Saturday. Giro winner Nairo Quintana is second on the same time as his teammate Valverde. Two-time winner Alberto Contador stayed 19 seconds behind the Movistar cyclists. Chris Froome was 27 seconds back, and Joaquim Rodriguez remained 38 seconds behind.

Valverde said he hadn't expected to take the leader's jersey after entering the stage on the same time as Castroviejo and his other teammates.

"I was heading for the bus when someone asked what I was doing and told

me that I was the new leader," said Valverde. "We still need to talk about how we will handle the stage tomorrow, whether we'll try to hold on to the lead or let it go."

Valverde said there was no unhealthy competition with Quintana for his team's leading role.

"He is my teammate, and my teammate is riding very strong," Valverde said. "The team has to be above me."

Monday's third stage will have a unique start, with the stage beginning from the deck of the aircraft carrier Juan Carlos I. The hilly 197.8-kilometer (122.9-mile) route from Cadiz to Arcos de la Frontera features four category-three climbs.

The race ends in Santiago de Compostela on Sept. 14.



# Lawsuits challenge U.S. drone, model aircraft rules

JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Model aircraft hobbyists, research universities and commercial drone interests filed lawsuits Friday challenging a government directive that they say imposes tough new limits on the use of model aircraft and broadens the agency's ban on commercial drone flights.

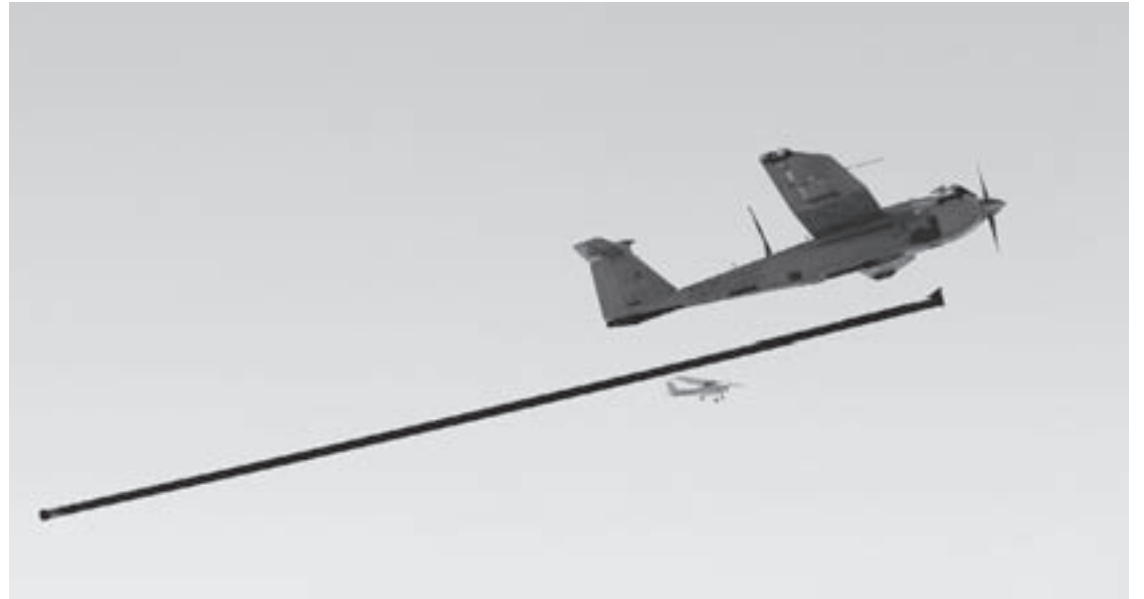
The three lawsuits asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to review the validity of the directive, which the Federal Aviation Administration issued in June. The agency said the directive is an attempt to clarify what is a model aircraft and the limitations on their operation. The FAA has been working on regulations that would permit commercial drone flights in U.S. skies for more than 10 years, but the agency is still at least

months and possibly years away from issuing final rules to permit flights by small drones. Regulations for flights by larger drones are even further away.

Part of the agency's challenge is to distinguish between planes flown by hobbyists and those used for commercial applications, a distinction that's become harder to draw as the technology for model planes has grown more sophisticated.

A law passed by Congress in 2012 directed the FAA to issue regulations permitting commercial drone flights by the fall of 2015, but prohibited the agency from imposing new regulations on model aircraft.

The FAA directive is a backdoor imposition of new regulations on model aircraft hobbyists and commercial drone operators without going through required federal procedures for cre-



This Jan. 15, 2014, file photo shows a test drone as it is launched by catapult as a trail plane follows on a ranch near Sarita, Texas.

Associated Press

ating new regulations, said Brendan Schulman, a New York attorney representing the groups that filed the lawsuits. Federal procedures require an opportunity for public comment on proposed regulations and an analysis of the potential

costs of the regulations vs. the benefits.

"People who have been using these technologies for years in different ways are concerned that they are suddenly prohibited from doing so without having their voices heard, and without regard to the detrimental impact on the commercial drone industry," he said. Schulman pointed out that hobbyists have been flying model aircraft nearly 100 years, but he knows of no instance in which a model aircraft has caused the crash of a manned plane or helicopter.

"In situations where there

really is no safety issue there appears to be not just some restrictions, but an outright prohibition on activities that have been done for a long time very safely," he said.

An FAA spokeswoman declined to comment on the lawsuits.

The lawsuits were filed by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, which represents more than 170,000 model aircraft hobbyists; the Council on Governmental Relations, an association of 188 research universities; and several commercial drone and model aircraft interests.

## Gov't warns U.S. retailers about hacking software

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- More than 1,000 U.S. retailers could be infected with malicious software lurking in their cash register computers, allowing hackers to steal customer financial data, the Homeland Security Department said Friday. The government urged businesses of all sizes to scan their point-of-sale systems for software known as "Backoff," discovered last October. It previously explained in detail how the software operates and how retailers could find and remove it.

Earlier this month, United Parcel Service said it found infected computers in 51 stores. UPS said it was not aware of any fraud that resulted from the infection but said hackers may have taken customers' names, addresses, email addresses and payment card information.

The company apologized

to customers and offered free identity protection and credit monitoring services to those who had shopped in those 51 stores.

Backoff was discovered in October, but according to the Homeland Security Department the software wasn't flagged by antivirus programs until this month.

Jerome Segura, a senior security researcher at cybersecurity software firm Malware Bytes, said that the way that Backoff works is not unique. The program gains access to companies' computers by finding insufficiently protected remote access points and duping computer users to download malware, tricks that have long been in use and are often automated. What has changed, Segura said, is that the hackers deploying it have become increasingly sophisticated about identifying high-value computer systems after they've broken into them.

"Once the bad guys realized they were able to

penetrate larger networks, they saw the opportunity to develop malware that's specifically for credit cards and can evade antivirus programs," he said.

By using Backoff selectively, rather than distributing it widely on the Internet, the hackers likely managed to escape detection for longer. Following Homeland Security's warnings in July, however, companies are much better able to probe their own computers for Backoff. The battle between retailers and hackers is an ongoing one. Retail giant Target, based in Minneapolis, was targeted by hackers last year and disclosed in December that a data breach compromised 40 million credit and debit card accounts between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15. On Jan. 10, it said hackers stole personal information - including names, phone numbers and email and mailing addresses - from as many as 70 million customers.

## Fitbit: We don't sell personal data

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) -- Fitbit, the maker of a popular line of wearable fitness-tracking devices, said Friday that it does not sell personal data to advertisers, contrary to concerns raised by U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer.

The San Francisco-based company spelled out its privacy policy on its website after Schumer warned of a potential "privacy nightmare" relating to concerns that the makers of fitness monitoring devices could sell users' data to advertisers.

Schumer has called for a federal regulation to require companies like Fitbit to let customers prevent their data from being sold. On Friday he praised the company for "revising" its policy, even though Fitbit CEO and co-founder James Park said there's been no change in the company's practices.

"It has always been our policy not to sell user data," Park said in a statement. "We have never sold personal data and we do not share personal data unless a user specifically directs us to do so, or under the limited exceptions described in our privacy policy."

Those exceptions include credit card processing or when the company is under legal obligation to provide the information.



## Lieber Column:

# An Emerging Price War in the World of Investment Advice

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So let's say you want to put all of your investments in index or exchange-traded funds, having realized that neither you nor the professionals stand much of a chance of picking stocks

or mutual funds that will outperform the overall market. And let's also say that you want someone to run the portfolio for you, pick the right combination of funds and rebalance the mix when individual market sectors rise or fall.

You might turn to the big-name firms we once knew as discount brokerage firms. But you won't get much of a discount. Fidelity and BlackRock's new offering will cost 0.55 to 1.10 percent annually. People with less money

pay more fees, as is standard in these arrangements. Merrill Lynch's Merrill Edge division, for low-balance customers it doesn't want its brokers bothering with, wants 1 percent annually for its assistance. And TradeKing, home of the \$4.95 stock trade, asks for 0.50 to 1.0 percent each year in the service it introduced this month.

Fees this size are incongruous enough on their own coming from some of the same firms that have helped democratize investing for the masses. Should they really receive \$2,000 each year, year after year, for keeping an eye on a basic \$200,000 portfolio? The pricing is particularly striking given the recent emergence of startups like Betterment, FutureAdvisor and Wealthfront. Those firms will run your money for 0.15 to 0.50 percent annually, though you can't go visit one of their storefront employees to discuss it face to face.

Fees matter, a lot. A differ-

ence of half a percentage point compounded over time will cost most upper-middle-class investors hundreds of thousands of dollars over a lifetime of retirement saving. Huge swaths of the financial services industry have grown and thrived because people don't notice high fees, talk themselves into believing that the fees are worth it or don't do the math to see how much they actually cost over time.

So how much longer can the more established players really expect to charge two to four times more than the upstarts for their help? Charles Schwab may be about to offer an answer. In a call with analysts last month, the company's chief executive, Walter Bettinger II, said the company was "fast at work on what we believe will be a groundbreaking and market-impacting introduction of an online advisory solution." He wouldn't say more, but it may well be something aimed squarely at the startups.

After all, according to Grant Easterbrook, who follows the emerging firms for the consulting firm Corporate Insight, the startups put people through an online questionnaire to identify their goals and risk tolerance, then set them up in a portfolio of low-cost investments that the firms and their software rebalance. "That is relatively easy to copy," he said, plus the older firms hold out the promise of much more guidance for those who want it later. Until the establishment players mimic more automated offerings, Bo Lu, co-founder and chief executive of San Francisco-based FutureAdvisor, with \$200 million under management, professes not to be worried. "There is a strong culture here in the Valley of products trumping announcements," he said.

He notes that other potentially competing services from big companies have come and gone.

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**Bo Lu, the co-founder and chief executive of San Francisco-based FutureAdvisor, at company offices in San Francisco, Aug. 22, 2014. The pricing from big-name firms is particularly striking given the recent emergence of low-cost start-ups like Betterment and Wealthfront.**

(Thor Swift/The New York Times)

## Roche to buy US biotech firm InterMune for \$8.3B

**BERLIN (AP)** — Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche said Sunday it has reached an \$8.3 billion deal to buy InterMune Inc., a California-based

developer of treatments for lung diseases. The companies have reached an agreement under which Roche will acquire InterMune in an

all-cash transaction, paying \$74.00 per InterMune share, Roche said. That is a premium of 38 percent over InterMune's closing price on Friday.

The acquisition of the biotechnology company, based in Brisbane, California, "will allow Roche to broaden and strengthen its respiratory portfolio globally," the Swiss company said. It added that the transaction is expected to bolster earnings from 2016. Roche said it plans "a smooth transition of InterMune employees and operations into the Roche organization." The American company hopes to launch its drug pifrenidone in the U.S. later this year.

The drug is designed to treat a terminal lung disease called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, or IPF, which causes inflammation and scarring of the lung that makes it hard for patients to breathe. InterMune began selling it in Europe under the name Esbriet in 2011 and it is also available in Canada and some other countries. □



**The logo of Swiss drugmaker Roche is photographed in Rotkreuz, Switzerland. Roche says it will buy InterMune, Inc., a California-based developer of treatments for lung diseases, in a deal worth US \$8.3 billion, Roche said Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014.**

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## Economic Viewpoint:

## One Sure Way to Fix the Corporate Tax: Repeal It!

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"Some people are calling these companies 'corporate deserters.'"

That is what President Barack Obama said last month about the recent wave of tax inversions sweeping across corporate America, and he did not disagree with the description. But are our nation's business leaders really so unpatriotic?

A tax inversion occurs when a U.S. company merges with a foreign one and, in the process, reincorporates abroad. Such mergers have many motives, but often one of them is to take advantage of the more favorable tax treatment offered by some other nations.

Such tax inversions mean less money for the U.S. Treasury. As a result, the rest of us end up either paying higher taxes to support the government or enjoying fewer government services. So the president has good reason to be concerned.

Yet demonizing the companies and their executives is the wrong response. A corporate chief who arranges a merger that increases the company's after-tax profit is doing his or her job. To forgo that opportunity would be failing to act as a responsible fiduciary for shareholders. Of course, we all have a responsibility to pay what we owe in taxes. But no one has a responsibility to pay more.

The great 20th-century jurist Learned Hand - who, by the way, has one of the best names in legal history - expressed the principle this way: "Anyone may arrange his affairs so that his taxes shall be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose that pattern which best pays the treasury. There is not even a patriotic duty to increase one's taxes."

If tax inversions are a problem, as arguably they are, the blame lies not with business leaders who are doing their best to do their jobs,

but rather with the lawmakers who have failed to do the same. The writers of the tax code have given us a system that is deeply flawed in many ways, es-

pecially as it applies to businesses. The most obvious problem is that the corporate tax rate in the U.S. is about twice the average rate in Europe. National tax systems differ along many dimensions, making inter-

national comparisons difficult and controversial. Yet simply cutting the rate to be more in line with norms abroad would do a lot to stop inversions.

tion is that it is, truly, multinational. It has employees, customers and shareholders around the world. Its place of legal domicile is almost irrelevant. A good

They tax economic activity that occurs within their borders and exclude from taxation income earned abroad. (That foreign-source income, however, is usually taxed by the nation where it is earned.) Six of the Group of 7 nations have territorial tax systems. The exception is the U.S., which has a worldwide corporate tax.

For companies incorporated in the U.S., the tax is based on all income, regardless of where it is earned.

Again, moving our tax code toward international norms would help slow corporate inversions.

Perhaps the boldest and best response to corporate inversions is to completely rethink the basis of corporate taxation. The first step is to acknowledge that corporations are more like tax collectors than taxpayers. The burden of the corporate tax is ultimately borne by people - some combination of the companies' employees, customers and shareholders. After recognizing that corporations are mere conduits, we can focus more directly on the people. □



**Judge Learned Hand at the United States Courthouse in New York, Feb. 11, 1958. Hand, the great 20th-century jurist, asserted that anyone had the right to arrange their affairs to pay as little in taxes as possible.**

(Sam Falk/The New York Times)

pecially as it applies to businesses. The most obvious problem is that the corporate tax rate in the U.S. is about twice the average rate in Europe. National tax systems differ along many dimensions, making inter-

A more subtle problem is that the U.S. has a form of corporate tax that differs from that of most nations and doesn't make much sense in the modern global economy.

A main feature of the modern multinational corpora-

tax system would focus more on the economic fundamentals and less on the legal determination of a company's headquarters.

Most nations recognize this principle by adopting a territorial corporate tax.

## Two countries, two vastly different phone bills

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If your monthly cellphone bill seems high, that may be because U.S. cellphone service is among the most costly in the world.

A comparison of two similar plans, one in the United States and one in Britain, reveals a marked difference.

Both plans include a new iPhone 5S with 16 gigabytes of memory. Both require a two-year commitment and allow unlimited voice minutes and unlimited texting. The plan offered by the British provider, Three UK, offers unlimited data and requires no upfront payment. With Britain's 20 percent tax included, the plan costs 41 pounds a month, or \$67.97 at current exchange rates.



**American cellphone service is among the most costly in the world, a result of a lack of meaningful competition.** (Minh Uong/The New York Times)

The plan provided by the American carrier, Verizon Wireless, has an upfront cost of \$99.99 and then

\$90 a month, not including taxes. Spreading the upfront cost over 24 months and adding 17 percent tax - typical for the United States - comes to \$109.47 a month.

But while the British plan includes unlimited data, the American plan does not. It includes two gigabytes a month, with an additional gigabyte free during an introductory period.

To put that in perspective, two gigabytes of data allows streaming about 15 minutes of music a day and watching about 10 minutes of video a day, according to the Verizon Wireless Data Calculator. If you run over, you'll see it on your bill.

So why the \$41.50-a-month difference in price? Several factors are involved, but an important one is regulatory

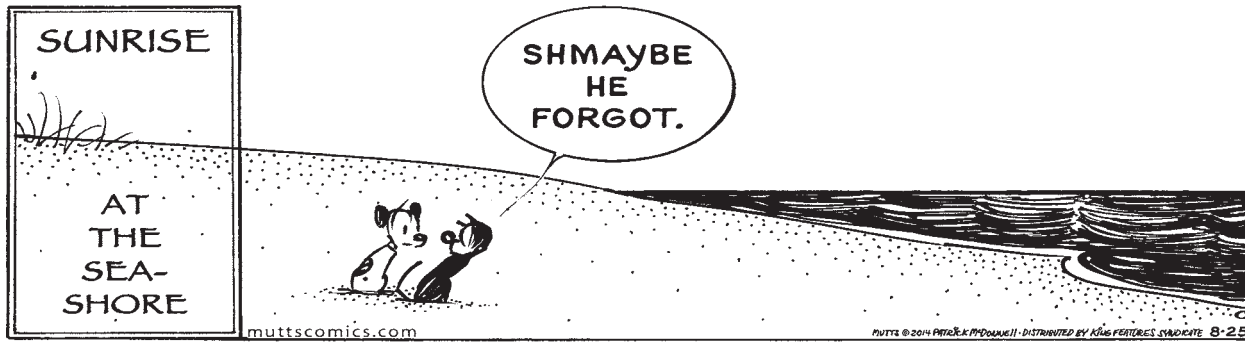
policy. Britain has forced companies to lease their networks to competitors at cost. The United States has not, allowing a formidable barrier against competitors.

"The United States lacks meaningful competition in its cellular market sector, which leads to higher cell-plan prices than a growing list of other countries," said Sascha Meinrath, founder of the Open Technology Institute at the New America Foundation.

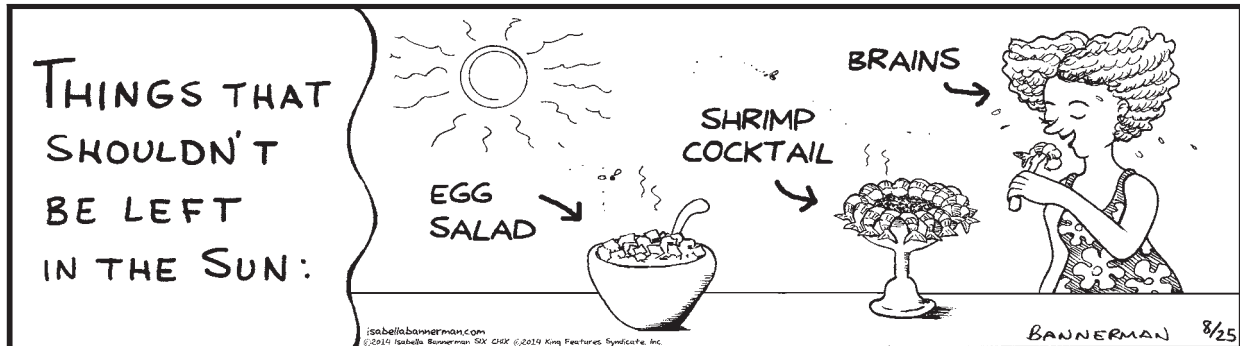
In a 2010 study, the institute found that the minimum cost of a complete cellphone package, which features voice, data and text, was \$59.99 a month in the United States, compared with \$32.40 in Britain. "Over the next decade," Meinrath said. □



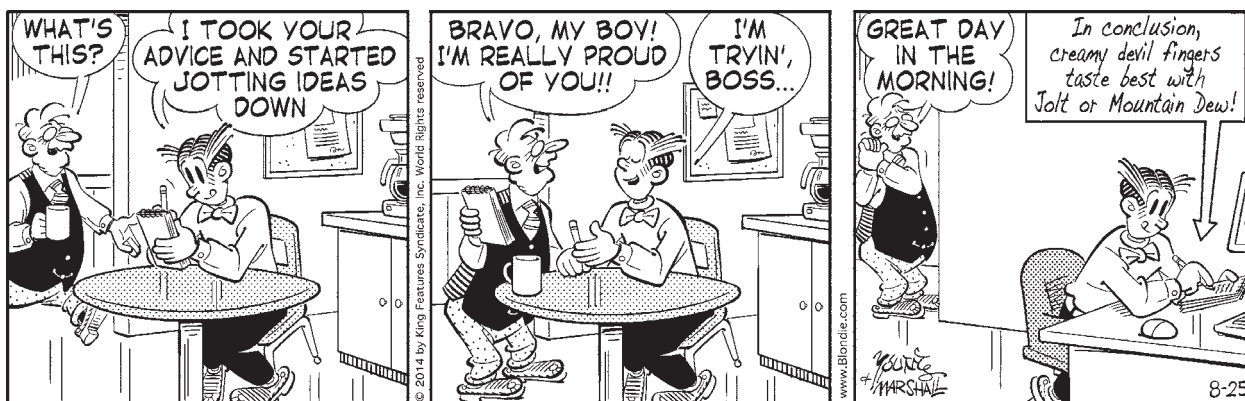
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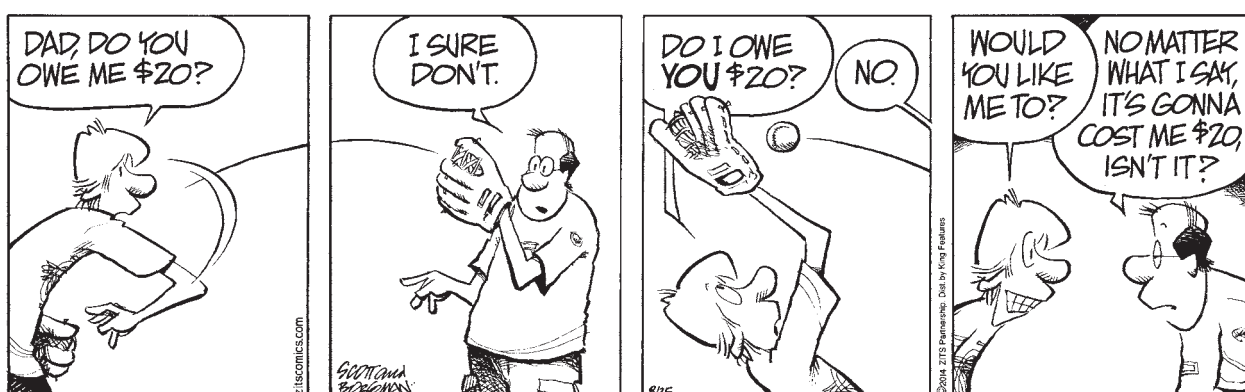
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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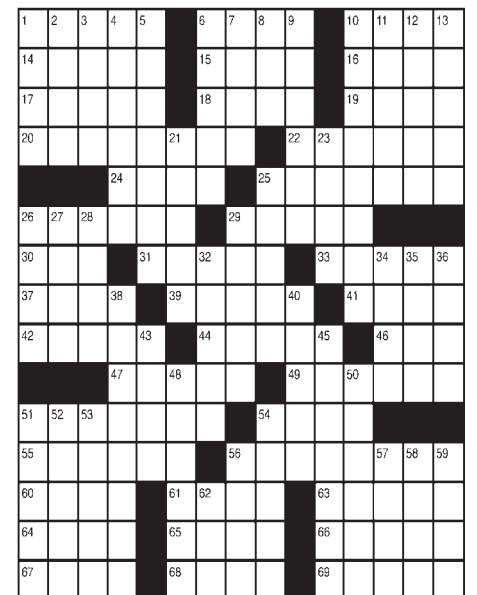
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

6	3	7	8	2	5	4	1	9
8	5	4	7	9	1	6	2	3
2	1	9	6	4	3	8	5	7
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5	9	8	1	3	6	7	4	2
7	2	1	5	8	4	3	9	6
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## ACROSS

- Market
- Sitting upon
- Molten rock
- \_\_\_ closet; place for towels, sheets, etc.
- Zoom skyward
- Does drugs
- Build
- Intl. military alliance
- Douglas or Cameron
- Merited
- "I \_\_\_ allegiance to the flag..."
- Close by
- Alga
- Extremely cruel
- Tiny European nation
- Broadcast
- Stopwatch
- Wear away
- Clothing
- Put off till later
- Injure through rough handling
- Flower stalks
- Bowling alley button
- Record speed letters
- In the know
- Ascends
- Midsize kangaroo
- Songbird
- Grown-ups
- Frankly
- Great \_\_\_; tall & massive dog
- \_\_\_ and above; beyond
- Lake near Reno
- Breakfast order
- Skater's oval
- French \_\_\_ soup
- Take a nap
- Lowest male singing voice
- Nuisances



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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

NAB	ABODE	ASKS
OPEN	ROBIN	LANE
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STATUETTE	OATS	
TIED	EAT	
SPREAD	EMBITTER	
TRESS	SMALL	ALE
RAFT	CHORE	FLEE
ATE	TRITE	PLUCK
PERCEIVE	ROOSTS	
YAM	PEER	
SMOG	ISOLATING	
PAIN	NAVAL	SALK
IDLE	AGENT	TREE
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## DOWN

- Downhill glider



## Price War

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For any future one to succeed, it needs to pass through a series of gates: Create the service, open, be great, get even better over time and persist in the face of nasty internal turf wars and various vice presidents moving up and around. "Maybe this is hubris, but I'll worry about it when they get to Gate 5," he said. The more traditional players don't seem particularly worried about him either. They say they offer plenty of tools for people who want to build their own portfolio of index or exchange-traded funds, even if they do have to do the buying and rebalancing themselves.

A target-date mutual fund is a potential all-in-one solution that rebalances itself. Some companies, however, may stuff their own (sometimes expensive) mutual funds inside them, and competing funds may have wildly different allocations and levels of risk in funds with identical target retirement dates. Being able to talk to a human being face to face still matters to many people, and seeing storefront branches in major cities inspires confidence, even if it is costly. "We find that customers will have additional questions," said John Sweeney, executive vice president for retirement and investing strategies at Fidelity. "Life changes, they have additional needs and

they will want to know what else we can do."

While the startups did begin with a rather one-note proposition - a portfolio of low-cost investments that runs itself - they've added features like tax-loss harvesting, retirement withdrawal tools and single-stock diversification services for people who may have a lot of company stock from an employer.

As for the annual fee differential, Richard J. Hagen Jr., TradeKing's president, said the company set its fees at two to four times the cost of the startups (though generally less than its online brokerage firm brethren) after surveying customers about what they thought was fair. "We feel like this is a heck of an offer," he said.

Lu of FutureAdvisor said he wasn't surprised by the brushoff from many bigger companies. He once worked at Microsoft and understands how executives in established organizations think. "We're still 0.1 percent of the industry," he said. "You can be paid to believe something as long as we're small enough that you can justify that we're not going to be the future." In some ways, the future has arrived. Even before we know what Schwab will do, Vanguard, in its Personal Advisor Services offering, recently began providing investment advice and financial planning for just a 0.3 percent annual fee. Competitors have to be crossing their fingers at this point and hoping that prices like that will not stick. □



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# Emerging solar plants scorch birds in mid-air

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
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(AP) -- Workers at a state-of-the-art solar plant in the Mojave Desert have a name for birds that fly through the plant's concentrated sun rays - "streamers," for the smoke plume that comes from birds that ignite in mid-air.

Federal wildlife investigators who visited the BrightSource Energy plant last year and watched as birds burned and fell, reporting an average of one "streamer" every two minutes, are urging California officials to halt the operator's application to build a still-bigger version. The investigators want the halt until the full extent of the deaths can be assessed. Estimates per year now range from a low of about a thousand by BrightSource to 28,000 by an expert for the Center for Biological Diversity environmental group.

The deaths are "alarming. It's hard to say whether that's the location or the technology," said Garry George, renewable-energy director for the California chapter of the Audubon Society. "There needs to be some caution."

The bird kills mark the latest instance in which the quest for clean energy sometimes has inadvertent environmental harm. Solar farms have been criticized for their impacts on desert tortoises, and wind farms have killed birds, including numerous raptors.

"We take this issue very seriously," said Jeff Holland, a spokesman for NRG Solar of Carlsbad, California, the second of the three companies behind the plant. The third, Google, deferred comment to its partners.



In this Aug. 13, 2014 photo, A truck drives through an array of mirrors at the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System near Primm, Nev. Associated Press

The \$2.2 billion plant, which launched in February, is at Ivanpah Dry Lake near the California-Nevada border. The operator says it's the world's biggest plant to employ so-called power towers.

More than 300,000 mirrors, each the size of a garage door, reflect solar rays onto three boiler towers each looming up to 40 stories high. The water inside is heated to produce steam, which turns turbines that generate enough electricity for 140,000 homes.

Sun rays sent up by the field of mirrors are bright enough to dazzle pilots flying in and out of Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Federal wildlife officials said Ivanpah might act as a "mega-trap" for wildlife, with the bright light of the plant attracting insects, which in turn attract insect-eating birds that fly to their death in the intensely focused light rays.

Federal and state biologists call the number of deaths significant, based on sightings



This October 2013 photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows a burned MacGillivray's Warbler that was found at the Ivanpah solar plant in the California Mojave Desert. Workers at a state-of-the-art new solar plant have a word for the birds that fly over the plant's five-mile field of mirrors, "streamers," for the puff of smoke as the birds ignite in mid-air and fall singed to the ground. Associated Press

ings of birds getting singed and falling, and on retrieval of carcasses with feathers charred too severely for flight.

Ivanpah officials dispute the source of the so-called streamers, saying at least some of the puffs of smoke mark insects and bits of airborne trash being ignited by the solar rays.

Wildlife officials who witnessed the phenomena say many of the clouds of smoke were too big to come from anything but a bird, and they add that they saw "birds entering the solar flux and igniting, consequently become a streamer."

U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials say they want a death toll for a full year of operation. Given the apparent scale of bird deaths at Ivanpah, authorities should thoroughly

ly track bird kills there for a year, including during annual migratory seasons, before granting any more permits for that kind of solar technology, said George, of the Audubon Society.

The toll on birds has been surprising, said Robert Weisenmiller, chairman of the California Energy Commission. "We didn't see a lot of impact" on birds at the first, smaller power towers in the U.S. and Europe, Weisenmiller said.

The commission is now considering the application from Oakland-based BrightSource to build a mirror field and a 75-story power tower that would reach above the sand dunes and creek washes between Joshua Tree National Park and the California-Arizona border. The proposed plant is on a

flight path for birds between the Colorado River and California's largest lake, the Salton Sea - an area, experts say, is richer in avian life than the Ivanpah plant, with protected golden eagles and peregrine falcons and more than 100 other species of birds recorded there.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials warned California this month that the power-tower style of solar technology holds "the highest lethality potential" of the many solar projects burgeoning in the deserts of California.

The commission's staff estimates the proposed new tower would be almost four times as dangerous to birds as the Ivanpah plant. The agency is expected to decide this autumn on the proposal.

While biologists say there is no known feasible way to curb the number of birds killed, the companies behind the projects say they are hoping to find one - studying whether lights, sounds or some other technology would scare them away, said Joseph Desmond, senior vice president at BrightSource Energy.

BrightSource also is offering \$1.8 million in compensation for anticipated bird deaths at Palen, Desmond said.

The company is proposing the money for programs such as those to spay and neuter domestic cats, which a government study found kill over 1.4 billion birds a year. Opponents say that would do nothing to help the desert birds at the proposed site.

Power-tower proponents are fighting to keep the deaths from forcing a pause in the building of new plants when they see the technology on the verge of becoming more affordable and accessible, said Thomas Conroy, a renewable-energy expert. When it comes to powering the country's grids, "diversity of technology ... is critical," Conroy said. "Nobody should be arguing let's be all coal, all solar," all wind, or all nuclear. "And every one of those technologies has a long list of pros and cons." □



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# Actor-director Richard Attenborough dies at 90

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Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Acclaimed actor and Oscar-winning director Richard Attenborough, whose film career on both sides of the camera spanned 60 years, has died. He was 90.

The actor's son, Michael Attenborough told the BBC that his father died Sunday. He had been in poor health for some time.

Prime Minister David Cameron issued a statement calling Attenborough "one of the greats of cinema."

"His acting in 'Brighton Rock' was brilliant, his directing of 'Gandhi' was stunning," Cameron said.

Attenborough won an Academy Award for best director with "Gandhi" in 1982, only one of many highlights of a distinguished career as actor and director.

With his abundant snow-white hair and beard, Attenborough was one of the most familiar faces on the British arts scene — universally known as "Dickie." He appeared in a many major Hollywood films, directed a series of movies and was known for his extensive work as a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF and other humanitarian causes.

As a director, Attenborough made several successful movies, from "Oh What a Lovely War" in 1969 to "Chaplin" and "Shadowlands" in the 1990s. But his greatest success was "Gandhi," a film that was 20 years in the planning and won eight Oscars, including best picture.

The generation that was introduced to Attenborough as an avuncular veteran actor in the 1990s — when he played the failed theme park developer in "Jurassic Park" and Kriss Kringle in a remake of "Miracle on 34th Street" — may not have appreciated his dramatic range.

A small, energetic man with a round face that remained boyish even in old age, he was perfectly cast

at the start of his career as the young sailor or airman of British movies during and after World War II.

In his 1942 film debut as a terrified warship's crewman in "In Which We Serve," a 19-year-old Attenborough made a small part into one of the most memorable roles in the movie, which won the Best Picture Oscar. In 1947, Attenborough gave one of the best performances of his career as the teenage thug Pinkie in "Brighton Rock," the film version of Graham Greene's novel. Attenborough's baby face and air of menace combined to make it one of his most memorable roles.

His youthful appearance nearly cost him the lead role in the original cast of "The Mousetrap," because its author, Agatha Christie, didn't think he looked like a police detective. But he starred with his wife, actress Sheila Sim, when the hit play opened in November 1952 and stayed for 700 performances.

In 1959, Attenborough joined fellow actor Bryan Forbes in film production. "The Angry Silence" in 1960 was their successful debut, with Attenborough playing a strike-breaking factory worker. It was one of the first of the gritty, working-class films that heralded Britain's "new realism" of the 1960s.

Together, Forbes and Attenborough produced "Whistle Down the Wind" in 1961 and "The L-Shaped Room" in 1962. Their last film, 1964's "Seance on a Wet Afternoon," won Attenborough Best Actor awards from the London Film Critics and British Film Academy.

In the meantime, he had appeared as a prisoner of war in 1963's "The Great Escape" — known for its classic ensemble cast, including Steve McQueen, James Coburn and Charles Bronson — and starred in "Guns at Batasi," for which he won another British Film

Academy award. In 1967, he won a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in "The Sand Pebbles."

In 1969, Attenborough turned to directing with "Oh What a Lovely War," a lampoon of World War I, which won a Golden Globe award as best English-language foreign film. Three years later, he made "Young Winston," the story of Winston Churchill's early life.

In between, in 1971, he turned in a chilling performance as 1950s mass murderer John Reginald Christie in "10 Rillington Place."

By the mid-1970s, Atten-



In this Wednesday, April 9, 2008 file photo, British actor and director Richard Attenborough arrives at the Galaxy British Book Awards in London.

Associated Press

borough had become a director who only occasionally acted. It was said that he took acting jobs to help finance the movies he wanted to direct.

But his return to directing in the 1977 war movie "A

Bridge Too Far" was an expensive disaster, despite its cast of international stars. The following year, the heavy-handed 1978 thriller "Magic" was a failure despite the talents of Anthony Hopkins.

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# Amazon seeks to reach viewers with 'Hand of God'

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Dana Delany had an urge.

While playing the take-no-prisoners wife of a law-bending judge in the upcoming Amazon pilot "Hand of God," an indecent inclination by the veteran actress conflicted with the instincts she'd developed as a network TV star. Delany, who's logged countless hours on such series as "China Beach" and "Desperate Housewives," wasn't sure what to do.

"We just shot this scene where I'm intimidating this preacher played by Julian Morris," recalled Delany in her trailer during a break from filming in downtown Los Angeles. "At the end of the scene, I said, 'Maybe I should just grab his (genitals)?' Everyone said, 'Go for it! Welcome to the Internet, Dana Delany! You can't do that on network television.'"

The gutsy drama, about Ron Perlman as a judge who believes God is guiding him after an attack on his family, is among the latest batch of potential series that will be streamed online by Amazon beginning Aug. 28. The Internet retail giant took a cue from Netflix last year and started producing its own shows. Which shows become full



This image provided by Amazon Studios shows Dana Delany, left, and Ron Perlman in a scene from "Hand of God."

series will depend on audience response.

Perlman said he was interested in moving right into another TV project after coming off six seasons as the patriarch of a ruthless biker gang on FX's "Sons of Anarchy." To him, "Hand of God" was "too good to be true" because it was the first script he read post-"Anarchy," and the character of Judge Harris Pernel was so different from his previous roles.

"I was completely intimidated," said Perlman over a lunch on the set. "The

character is this compendium of very, very bold qualities — one of which is that he's in the middle of a breakdown when we meet him. Whoever he is in life, he's deeply compromised during the pilot and going through self-discovery as God comes into his life."

Despite the show's subject matter and title, a reference to a fringe religious group led by Morris' smarmy soap star-turned-preacher, the creators of "Hand of God" are quick to note that Amazon isn't moving into faith-based

programming. The show's conceit is more about characters grasping for power in the fictional town of San Vicente than it is about religion.

"The religion in the show is like the science in 'Breaking Bad,'" said writer-producer Ben Watkins, who previously worked on "Burn Notice."

"It's an important part, but it's just a thread — a great one because there's so many compelling themes to explore. For me, this is more about the contradictions of our lives and our ambivalence toward life in

general."

"Hand of God" marks the first foray into TV by "Quantum of Solace" and "World War Z" filmmaker Marc Forster, who directed the pilot and serves as an executive producer.

He created a visual style for the series that he hopes will be emulated by future directors if "Hand of God" is picked up by Amazon, which will take viewer feedback into consideration when making decisions about its shows.

Because there are no commercials or broadcast standards to consider with a show that'll be streamed online, Forster noted he was treating the pilot for "Hand of God" like an independent film — with one huge exception. The director who gained acclaim with movies like "Finding Neverland" and "Monster's Ball" isn't planning to tie up every loose end.

"In films, you have to resolve everything," said Forster. "This is the complete opposite. You actually don't want to resolve everything. It's interesting to experiment with coming from a storytelling medium where everyone wants to be satisfied. Here, you want to have more questions than answers. It's a totally different approach that I'm enjoying." □

**Associated Press**

## De Rothschild, grande dame of wine, dies at 80

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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Philippine de Rothschild, an energetic and self-certain grande dame of Bordeaux wine who halted an acting career to run vineyards owned by the family dynasty, has died, her company said Sunday. She was 80.

She died Friday in a Paris "from the effects of a serious operation", winemaker Baron Philippe de Rothschild SA said in a statement, without specifying further.

De Rothschild, who

cracked a male-dominated wine industry to become company chairwoman and was known by many as simply "The Baroness," understood the ups and downs of bearing one of Europe's best-known family names: As a girl in Nazi-occupied France, she used her mother's maiden name; as a professional actress, she took a stage name.

In a 1999 interview with French newspaper Liberation, she said: "When your name is Rothschild, everyone thinks you had an easy

childhood."

Hers — during World War II — was not. Her father, a scion of the fabulously wealthy Jewish banking family, fled to England to join Gen. Charles de Gaulle's expatriate administration. She stayed behind with her mother Elisabeth, who believed that her Catholic religion would spare her deportation.

But in 1944, just two months before the Allies liberated Paris, the Nazis deported her mother to Ravensbrueck, Germany, where she died the next year.



The Baroness Philippine de Rothschild of Chateau Mouton Rothschild in France, answers questions after signing an accord at the Opus One winery in Oakville, Calif., in this Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 file photo.

**Associated Press**

De Rothschild, in her comments to Liberation, recalled that she herself was spared deportation only because one German officer thought of his own daughter, who was about

the same age, when he saw her. After the war, de Rothschild spent decades at the Comedie Francaise and elsewhere in the theater circuit, using the stage name Philippine Pascal. □



## Alone Again, Naturally



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WASHINGTON - Affections can be dangerous, as Gertrude Stein said.

When Barack Obama first ran for president, he theatrically cast himself as the man alone on the stage. From his address in Berlin to his acceptance speech in Chicago, he eschewed ornaments and other politicians, conveying the sense that he was above the grubby political scene, unearthly and apart.

He began "Dreams From My Father" with a description of his time living on Manhattan's Upper East Side while he was a student at Columbia, savoring his lone-wolf existence. He was, he wrote, "prone to see other people as unnecessary distractions." When neighbors began to "cross the border into familiarity, I would soon find reason to excuse myself. I had grown too comfortable in my solitude, the safest place I knew."

His only "kindred spirit" was a silent old man who lived alone in the apartment next door. Obama carried groceries for him but never asked his name. When the old man died, Obama briefly regretted not knowing his name, then swiftly regretted his regret.

But what started as an affection has turned into an affliction.

A front-page article in The Times by Carl Hulse, Jeremy Peters and Michael Shear chronicled how the president's disdain for politics has alienated many of his most stalwart Democratic supporters on Capitol Hill. His bored-bird-in-a-gilded cage attitude, the article said, "has left him with few loyalists to effectively manage the issues erupting abroad and at home and could imperil his efforts to leave a legacy in his final stretch in office."

Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, an early Obama backer, noted that "for him, eating his spinach is schmoozing with elected officials."

First the president couldn't work with Republicans because they were too obdurate. Then he tried to chase down reporters with subpoenas. Now he finds members of his own party an unnecessary distraction.

His circle keeps getting more inner. He golfs with aides and jocks, and he spent his one evening back in Washington from Martha's Vineyard at a nearly five-hour dinner at the home of a nutritional adviser and former White House assistant chef, Sam Kass.

The president who was elected because he was a hot commodity is now a wet blanket.

The extraordinary candidate turns out to be the most ordinary of men, frittering away precious time on the links. Unlike LBJ, who devoured problems as though he were being chased by demons, Obama's main galvanizing impulse was to get himself elected. Almost everything else - from an all-out push on gun control after the Newtown massacre, to going to see firsthand the Hispanic children thronging at the border, to using his special status to defuse racial tensions in Ferguson - just seems like too much trouble.

The 2004 speech that vaulted Obama into the White House soon after he breezed into town turned out to be wrong. He misdescribed the country he wanted to lead. There is a liberal America and a conservative America. And the red-blue divide has only gotten worse in the last six years.

The man whose singular qualification was as a uniter turns out to be singularly unequipped to operate in a polarized environment.

His boosters argue that we spurned his gift of healing, so healing is the one thing that must not be expected of him. We ingrates won't let him be the redeemer he could have been.

As Ezra Klein wrote in Vox: "If Obama's speeches aren't as dramatic as they used to be, this is why: the White House believes a presidential speech on a politically charged topic is as likely to make things worse as to make things better."

He concluded: "There probably won't be another Race Speech because the White House doesn't believe there can be another Race Speech. For Obama, the cost of becoming president was sacrificing the unique gift that made him president."

So The One who got elected as the most exciting politician in American history is The One from whom we must never again expect excitement?

Do White House officials fear that Fox News could somehow get worse to them?

Sure, the president has enemies. Sure, there are racists out there. Sure, he's going to get criticized for politicizing something. But as FDR said of his moneyed foes, "I welcome their hatred."

Why should the president neutralize himself? Why doesn't he do something bold and thrilling? Get his hands dirty? Stop going to Beverly Hills to raise money and go to St. Louis to raise consciousness? Talk to someone besides Valerie Jarrett?

The Constitution was premised on a system full of factions and polarization. If you're a fastidious pol who deigns to heal and deal only in a holistic, romantic, unified utopia, the Oval Office is the wrong job for you. The sad part is that this is an ugly, confusing and frightening time at home and abroad, and the country needs its president to illuminate and lead, not sink into some petulant expression of his aloofness, where he regards himself as a party of his own and a victim of petty, needy, bickering egomaniacs.

Once Obama thought his isolation was splendid. But it turned out to be unsplendid. □



## Will the Ends, Will the Means



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Hillary Clinton recently reignited the who-lost-Syria debate when she suggested that President Barack Obama made a mistake in not intervening more forcefully early in the Syrian civil war by arming the pro-democracy rebels. I've been skeptical about such an intervention - skeptical that there were enough of these "mainstream insurgents," skeptical that they could ever defeat President Bashar Assad's army and the Islamists and govern Syria. So if people try to sell you on it, ask them these questions before you decide if you are with Clinton or Obama:

1. Can they name the current leader of the Syrian National Coalition, the secular, moderate opposition, and the first three principles of its political platform? Extra credit if they can name the last year that the leader of the SNC resided in Syria. Hint: It's several decades ago.

2. Can they explain why Israel - a country next door to Syria that has better intelligence on Syria than anyone and could be as affected by the outcome there as anyone - has chosen not to bet on the secular, moderate Syrian rebels or arm them enough to topple Assad?

3. The United States invaded Iraq with more than 100,000 troops, replaced its government with a new one, suppressed its Islamist extremists and trained a "moderate" Iraqi army, but, the minute we left, Iraq's "moderate" prime minister turned sectarian. Yet, in Syria, Iraq's twin, we're supposed to believe that the moderate insurgents could have toppled

Assad and governed Syria without any U.S. boots on the ground, only arming the good rebels. Really?

4. How could the good Syrian rebels have triumphed in Syria when the main funders of so many rebel groups there - Qatar and Saudi Arabia - are Sunni fundamentalist monarchies that oppose the very sort of democratic, pluralistic politics in their own countries that the decent Syrian rebels aspire to build in Syria? 5. Even if we had armed Syrian moderates, how could they have defeated a coalition of the Syrian Alawite army and gangs, backed by Russia, backed by Iran, backed by Hezbollah - all of whom play by "Hama Rules," which are no rules at all - without the United States having to get involved?

6. How is it that some 15,000 Muslim men, from across the Muslim world, have traveled to Syria to fight for jihadism and none have walked there to fight for pluralism, yet the Syrian moderates would not only have been able to defeat the Assad regime - had we only armed them properly - but also this entire jihadist foreign legion?

The notion that the only reason that the Islamist militias emerged in Syria is because we created a vacuum by not adequately arming the secular rebels is laughable nonsense. Syria has long had its own Sunni fundamentalist underground. In 1982, when then-President Hafez al-Assad perpetrated the Hama massacre, it was in an effort to wipe out those Syrian Islamists. So, yes, there are cultural roots for pluralism in Syria - a country with many Christian and secular Muslims - but there's also the opposite. Do not kid yourself. That is why on a brief visit to Damascus, Syria, in December 2012, I was told by the local Free Syrian Army commander, Muatasim Bila Abul Fida, that even after Assad's regime is toppled there would be another war in Syria: "It will take five or six years," he added, because the Islamist parties "want Shariah, and we want

democracy." There were always going to be two civil wars there: The liberals and jihadists against Assad and the liberals and jihadists against each other.

Don't get me wrong. My heart is with the brave Syrian liberals who dared to take to the streets and demand regime change - unarmed. These are decent, good people, the kind you would like to see running Syria. But it would take a lot more than better arms for them to defeat Assad and the jihadists.

Here Iraq is instructive. You need to go back to the 2010 elections there when Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, who ran with Sunnis, Shiites and Christians on a moderate, pluralistic platform - like Syria's moderates - actually won more seats than his main competitor, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

What enabled that? I'll tell you: The United States decapitated Saddam's regime, then helped to midwife an Iraqi Constitution and elections, while U.S. (and Iraqi) special forces either arrested or killed the worst Sunni and Shiite extremists. We took out both extremes without reading them their Miranda rights. That is what gave Iraq's moderate center the space, confidence and ability to back multisectarian parties, which is what many Iraqis wanted. When our troops left, though, that center couldn't hold.

I don't want U.S. troops in Syria any more than anyone else, but I have no respect for the argument that just arming some pro-democracy rebels would have gotten the job done. Yes, there has been a price for Obama's inaction. But there is a price for effective action as well, which the critics have to be honest about. It's called an international force. We are dealing not only with states that have disintegrated but with whole societies - and rebuilding them is the mother of all nation-building projects. Will the ends, will the means. Otherwise, you're not being serious. □



# Daily Game Explosion Spawns Big-Dollar Industry

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**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — When U.S. lawmakers carved out an exemption for fantasy sports in a 2006 law targeting online poker, no one predicted that it would spawn an online gambling operation that may someday rival the millions wagered daily in Las Vegas sports books.

But huge money changes hands every day in daily fantasy sports games and, unlike a bet on your favorite team to win a game, it's legal in all but five states. The exploding popularity of the games has attracted investments from traditional media heavyweights Sports Illustrated and USA Today, both of which recently started their own pay-to-play sites.

The key has been the development of weekly and daily fantasy games with paid entry fees and cash payouts. Traditional fantasy sports competitions — those that the 2006 exemption was trying to protect — involve season-long competitions. The online competitions that have been around for more than a decade sometimes offered cash prizes to a handful of victors in a large field, almost like a sweepstakes.

Those kinds of competitions aren't attractive for gamblers trying to make fast money. But, for some gamblers, the daily and weekly games are even more attractive than betting on who will win the game.

The gamblers can play from anywhere — unlike sports gambling, which is legal only in Nevada and Delaware. The legal age to play online fantasy games is 18, unlike 21 for gambling. And, most important, the winners in fantasy games don't have to beat the casino. They simply have to beat most other players. If online experts have a system or statistical analysis that most players don't, that's enough of an advantage to lead to consistent wins.

But while daily fantasy play on sports is the hot new thing, some companies

think the exemption in the 2006 law may lead to even wilder legal bets.

Like Hillary Clinton's chances of becoming president in 2016? There's a chance you may be able to legally put money on that by the time the election comes around.

Think you know the favorites for the Academy Awards next year? Get out your credit card, because there soon may be a way to cash in on that knowl-

crative NFL season begins. "The bar to entry is low," said Thomas Dwyer, a co-founder of the daily site, Ballr. "These are mostly marketing ventures, which mostly means staying in contact with users and giving them the experience and games they want."

The one thing all the new sites have in common is that they go to great lengths to try and distance themselves from sports betting. Money put in is called

tournament golf.

With a rake of about 10 percent on every bet and low expenses, it's easy to see why daily fantasy play is drawing interest from investors like Comcast Ventures, which last year put \$11 million into FanDuel, the leading daily fantasy site.

On USA Today Sports Media Group site FantasyScore.com, there was an opening this month for a game played against only

to pay winners. There are no rules other than those that each site plays by, though industry leader FanDuel has made it a point to try and be transparent with statistics on how many players it has and how much money is in play every day.

"We want to show we are open and transparent and we're there to ensure players have a good experience and that we're kind of a mature company,"



Fantasy sports enthusiast Cory Albertson poses for photos at New York's High Line Park.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

edge.

"It's not so far out of the realm of possibility that you can have some fun contest with unusual events," said John Ford, CEO of BetAmerica. "I think we've only begun to explore what is possible under the exemption."

Indeed, the rush to cash in on online daily wagering is on, with companies already offering things as diverse as a million dollar prize to anyone who can pick nine players who hit a home run in one night or a \$100 payday for winning a \$1 buy-in game. Dozens of companies, many of them startups on a shoestring, have jumped in, ready to do business once the lu-

an entry fee, not a bet, though just like in sports betting there are winners and losers.

It's all allowed under the 2006 anti-gambling act, which spelled the demise of the online poker industry in the U.S. Those involved in the legislation say the big professional leagues lobbied for an exemption for fantasy sports, though daily games did not really come into existence until 2009 and did not begin to attract much traction until after the NFL lockout in 2011.

Now almost every site offers games in all four major sports leagues (MLB, NHL, NFL, NBA) while some have ventured into soccer and

one other contestant with a \$5,200 entry fee and a \$10,000 cash prize. The FanNation site that Sports Illustrated runs was, on a recent day, offering a contest where players could wager up to \$500 on three players they thought might be in for a hot night on the baseball diamond.

"If you are a betting individual, you can choose to lay a little money on the line and come away from your Throwdown with a tidy profit," the website promises.

Unlike Nevada, where sports betting is tightly controlled, there's no regulation of the games and no requirements that companies keep enough money

said FanDuel co-founder and CEO Nigel Eccles.

FanDuel is on track to make \$400 million in payouts this year. Running second is the DraftKings site, which this summer acquired the business of DraftStreet in a merger.

Figures compiled by the Fantasy Sports Trade Association estimate 41 million people in the United States and Canada play some kind of fantasy sports. Daily fantasy play is still a small fraction of that, but growing fast, with FanDuel expecting up to 500,000 players for the upcoming NFL season.

"It's a fairly straightforward economic model," Dwyer said. □